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CONCERNING
Several Miniſters of the GOSPEL
Amongſt the PEOPLE called
QUAKERS,
Deceaſed:

With ſome of their laſt Expreſſions
and EXHORTATIONS.

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THE PREFACE.

THE YEARLY-MEETING obſerving, that in many of the TESTIMONIES, received from the different Quarterly-meetings, much uſeful and profitable Matter was contained, tending to promote and encourage the Practice of Virtue, and of that Obedience and Self-denial, which the Goſpel of Chriſt requires of his Servants; together with ſeveral ſhort, but full Relations of the bright Examples, and ſolid and tender Expreſſions of many who have had the Happineſs to finiſh well, and leave behind them the beſt Demonſtration of their Belief of the TRUTH, and Excellency of the CHRISTIAN RELIGION, by giving a clear Evidence, of its genuine Fruits and Effects, in their Lives and Converſations; and, in the Concluſion, by being divinely favoured with an Aſſurance of that Life and Immortality, for which, above all, they had deſired and laboured.

Under theſe Conſiderations, the YEARLY-MEETING directed the Collecting and Printing of ſuch of theſe TESTIMONIES as were judged moſt likely to be of general Benefit; which COLLECTION is here preſented to the *Reader*. But we muſt acknowledge we greatly regret, frequently to find the ſolid and weighty Expreſſions of our *dying Friends* omitted, under the Excuſe of *Brevity*; when oftentimes they are the moſt important, and would be the moſt likely to be of Advantage to thoſe to whom they are communicated; but, ſo it is in too many Inſtances: To avoid which, in future, Friends are deſired not to be negligent at ſuch Opportunities, but to make as full and authentick a Collection of the laſt Words, and Death-bed Expreſſions, of our worthy departing Friends, as they are capable; as theſe are generally the moſt lively and affecting, and have a ſtronger Tendency to ſtir up the pure Mind in the conſiderate Readers, and make them to deſire and endeavour ſo to walk, in the Counſel of God, as to obtain the like precious Experience: In order to promote which, theſe TESTIMONIES are earneſtly recommended to the Peruſal and ſerious Attention of Friends in general, but eſpecially to the Youth of both Sexes; for in them they

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may ſee a Cloud of Witneſſes to the happy Fruits of an early Devotion, and the unſpeakable Advantages reſulting to thoſe who embrace the Viſitation of the Moſt High, and follow the Diſcoveries and Requirings of his holy Spirit, in the Way of Regeneration and the daily Croſs; Advantages which ſo far ſurpaſs every Thing, which hath been or can be exchanged for them, that, when put in the Scale, they all appear lighter than Vanity.

There are two Phraſes (in the following Collection) that frequently occur, which, to a Reader not of our Perſwaſion, may be miſunderſtood, and by being miſunderſtood, may give Offence; they are, *He*, or *ſhe*, *was deſcended from believing Parents*; or, *was convinced of the Truth*. To obviate which, it may be obſerved, that it is not thereby intended to circumſcribe the Belief of the Truth, in the general Acceptation of that Phraſe, to curſelves; or to inſinuate, that other Societies do not believe the Truths of *Chriſtianity*: But, as the Words of Chriſt are, I AM THE TRUTH. This I AM, the eſſential, everlaſting, ſaving Truth, is that of which they were *convinced*, and in which they *believed*: *Convinced* of him by his own immediate, ſelf-evident Operation upon their Minds;

Minds; *convinced*, that this was the Spirit of Truth, of whom it was ſaid, when he came, he ſhould *convince the World of Sin, of Righteouſneſs, and of Judgment.*

And being brought to this Rock and ſure Foundation of living Faith, they became *convinced*, that as the Holy God is an omnipreſent Spirit, ſo in Spirit and in Truth muſt he be acceptably worſhiped; that as he is in himſelf infinite, and incomprehenſible, *dwelling in the Light, which no Man can approach unto, whom no Man hath ſeen or can ſee*; ſo, through this *Spirit of Truth*, this Holy Mediator, Acceſs only could be had, and true Worſhip performed, to the Father of Spirits. They were *convinced*, that as he is perfectly holy, ſo, except they were made in degree holy, their Prayers could never aſcend with Acceptance, as the Incenſe of Saints, before the Throne of Glory. And altho' the Command and Declation to *Abram* is plainly exhibited in Scripture, *viz. I am the Almighty God, walk before me, and be thou perfect*; it ſeemed to them an impoſſible Attainment, till opened by him who hath the Key of *David*: They then ſaw, that *Perfection* aroſe from the Relation *Abram* ſtood in to an Almighty Creator; and were

convinced that this *Call* extended to the Seed of *Abram* through all Generations. And,

Being *convinced* of the Purity, ſo they were of the Peaceableneſs of this Goſpel Diſpenſation. They not only read, but felt it breath, *Peace on Earth, and Goodwill to Men*; that there was to be *no hurting nor deſtroying in all God's holy Mountain.*

Theſe are ſome of the important Truths, of which they were *convinced*; Truths which, we truſt, will ſpread and prevail in the Nations of the World, till, in the Lord's Time, the Accompliſhment of that memorable Prophecy, and Proclamation of the evangelical Prophet, be fully known, *viz. And it ſhall come to paſs in the laſt Days, that the Mountain of the Lord's Houſe ſhall be eſtabliſhed in the Top of the Mountains, and ſhall be exalted above the Hills; and all Nations ſhall flow unto it: And many People ſhall go and ſay, Come ye, and let us go up to the Mountain of the Lord, to the Houſe of the God of* Jacob, *and he will teach us of his Ways, and we will walk in his Paths; for out of* Zion *ſhall go forth the Law, and the Word of the Lord from* Jeruſalem. *He ſhall judge among the Nations, and ſhall rebuke many People:*

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And they ſhall beat their Swords into Plow-ſhares, and their Spears into Pruning-hooks: Nation ſhall not lift up Sword againſt Nation, neither ſhall they learn War any more. O Houſe of Jacob! *come ye, and let us walk in the Light of the Lord.* Iſaiah ii. 2, 3, 4, 5.

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A COLLECTION OF TESTIMONIES concerning Publick Friends deceaſed.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting at Carliſle *in the County of* Cumberland ; *containing a brief Account of the Life and Services of our dear and worthy Friend,* CHRISTOPHER STORY.

THIS our dear Friend, and worthy Elder, was born at *Riggbead* in the Pariſh of *Kirklinton*, and County of *Cumberland*, in the Year 1648 ; and was convinced of the bleſſed Truth, and received it in the Love of it, in the Year 1672, being about the Twenty fourth Year of his Age. And the Lord, who was graciouſly pleaſed to viſit and gather him, as one of the firſt Fruits in this Part of the Borders of *England*, and called him to work in his Vinyard early, endowed

him with a good Underſtanding of the Things pertaining to his Kingdom ; and, in the Year 1677, beſtowed on him a Gift of the Miniſtry, which he exerciſed freely ; and we have good Cauſe to believe, he made good Improvement thereof, as appeared by his faithful and unwearied Labour in the Church of Chriſt in theſe Parts. His Service among us was great, and well accepted, he being one who ruled well in his own Houſe, and alſo in the Church ; for which he was counted worthy of double Honour.

He viſited the Meetings in this Nation, and alſo in *Ireland* and *Scotland*, divers Times ; and as his Service was great and well received amongſt his Brethren, both at home and abroad, ſo likewiſe it was often his Concern, in our own County, to appoint Meetings amongſt other People, which frequently proved to great Satisfaction, and cauſed many to confeſs to Truth ; he being endued with a living, plain and powerful Teſtimony, to the reaching of the Hearts and Conſciences of the Hearers.

His Care over the People of God was great, that all who profeſſed the Truth might walk blameleſs, and come up in Faithfulneſs in every Branch of their Teſtimony. Zealous he was againſt undue Liberty, or going into Exceſs in eating or drinking, or into the fooliſh, vain and gaudy faſhions of the World, in Superfluity of Apparel ; and his circumſpect Behaviour,

Behaviour, which was attended with much Meekneſs and Gravity, had often an awful Effect upon ſuch.

He ſuffered Impriſonment and Spoiling of Goods with much Patience, which proved to be his Lot pretty early, by wicked Men who became Informers, ſeeking his Ruin, with many others; yet the Lord preſerved him in Faithfulneſs, and brought him clean through all theſe Exerciſes. He ſtood firm in his Teſtimony againſt the *Anti-chriſtian* Yoke of Tithes, that none might be unfaithful therein, either in paying or receiving them. And, having a Gift beyond many in the Government of Church Affairs, he exerciſed the ſame in much Wiſdom and Prudence, and laboured diligently for the Peace of the Church, and to keep out every Thing that might appear to cauſe Strife and Debate. He had an excellent Gift of healing and making up of Breaches. And, although his Way was not to lay ſudden Hands on any, yet he was indeed as a tender nurſing Father, and watched with a careful Eye of Love over the Flock of Chriſt, that no hurtful Thing might get place amongſt them. A great Lover and Promoter of good Order and Diſcipline, and very diligent to attend Meetings of that Nature, leaving his own Buſineſs to ſerve the Church. And when it was his Concern to deal with any by way of Rebuke, it was in much Tenderneſs and Solidity, and not in Harſhneſs or Sourneſs.

He was a Pattern of Humility in his Conduct and Converſation, and bore a noble Teſtimony againſt Pride in every Branch of it, and alſo againſt Covetouſneſs, and the eager Purſuit after the Things of this World, by launching into Trade and Buſineſs beyond Mens Abilities and Capacities, as being great Enemies to the Work of God, and the Proſperity of his Truth.

And as he was much loved and honoured amongſt his Brethren, becauſe of his Faithfulneſs, ſo he was greatly eſteemed by his Neighbours, whom he was very ready to ſerve, in reconciling Differences, and preventing Lawſuits. And as he was not negligent in the Work of the Lord, to promote Truth and Righteouſneſs, where ever his Lot was among any People, being of an univerſal Spirit, and concerned for the Good and Welfare of all; ſo when at Home, about his lawful Affairs, he was not negligent in providing Things honeſt in the Sight of all; and the Lord was pleaſed to bleſs his Endeavours, by affording him outward Mercies, and giving him Wiſdom to uſe them in Moderation; ſo that he was a good Example in his County, having his Houſe and Heart open to receive and entertain the Lord's Servants and Meſſengers. He was a great Encourager of his Children and Servants to frequent Meetings; but a great Diſcourager of their going to Markets and Fairs unneceſſarily; and often cautioned Friends, of

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the great Danger that Youth were in, of being drawn into too much Liberty at ſuch Times, and thereby bringing Reproach upon the Truth, and Diſeſteem upon themſelves. And though he was much againſt Idleneſs, and ſuch as ſpent their Time like the Sluggard, yet charitable and compaſſionate to the Poor, and ſuch as were in Want, and would often provoke and ſtir up Friends to Liberality in Contributions, and was himſelf very exemplary therein.

And, as old Age came upon him, his Zeal and Fervency was not leſſened; which was demonſtrated by the living Freſhneſs that attended his Miniſtry, and his continued Conſtancy in attending Meetings when under very great bodily Weakneſs; having been ſeized with a conſumptive Diſtemper, which increaſed upon him about the Space of nine Months; in all which Time he bore his Affliction with abundance of Patience, though often in great Diſtreſs in his outward Man; yet his inward Man was ſtrengthened and renewed, and his Memory and Underſtanding remained firm and perfect: Often commemorating the great and unſpeakable Loving-kindneſs and Mercy of God, in viſiting him in his young Years. And much was the good Counſel and ſeaſonable Advice that dropt from him in Friends Meetings, even in the Time of his great Weakneſs; as alſo to many, of ſeveral Ranks and Degrees, who came to viſit him; not forgetting to give

tender and fatherly Advice frequently to his own Children.

And though it be our Loſs, to be deprived of ſuch a worthy and ſerviceable Inſtrument in the Lord's Hand, as he was, whoſe Memory will remain ſweet among us; yet we firmly believe it is his great Gain, having faithfully finiſhed his Day's Work, his Reward, we doubt not, is great with the Lord.

He departed this Life the 6th Day of the Eleventh Month 1720, and was buried the 8th Day of the ſame, being accompanied to the Burying Ground at *Hetherſide*, by the greateſt Number of Friends and others that has almoſt ever been ſeen in theſe Parts at any Burial. Aged Seventy two Years. A Miniſter Forty three Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting at Settle, *in the County of* York, *concerning* THOMAS WILDE.

OUR ſaid Friend, by his own Account, was born in the Year 1649, and convinced of the Truth in the Twenty fourth Year of his Age; ſoon after which he became very zealous and circumſpect in his Life and Converſation, and, for Truth's Sake, took up the Croſs chearfully, and denied himſelf, not only of the former Pleaſures and Delights he had accuſtomed himſelf to, but even alſo of the Trade and Imployment he was inſtructed in, and whereby he had his chief Supply, as to the Things of this World; for, being by his Trade a *Taylor*, he, under a religious Concern of Mind, ſoon after his Convincement, could not comply with the making ſuch needleſs and ſuperfluous Faſhions in Apparel, as were then uſed by his Cuſtomers, and thereupon gave over the greateſt Part of his Trade, and betook himſelf to other Buſineſs, in order to get a Livelihood; wherein Providence was favourably pleaſed to bleſs his Labours with Succeſs: So that, although he never had a great deal as to the Things of this World, yet he had a Competency ſufficient to ſupport him in, and carry him through the ſame, with Satis-

faction and Comfort. He was alſo made helpful to others in his Station, according to his Ability; for which he many Times publickly acknowledged his Thankfulneſs to the Lord, that he had been ſo merciful to him, in raiſing him from a low Degree to a State of Favour and Acceptance with him, as well as a Degree of Service and Unity among his People. It was not long after his Convincement, before his Mouth was opened in a publick Teſtimony amongſt Friends, wherein, although for divers Years he had but a few Words in Meetings, yet his Appearance was both acceptable and uſeful to Friends. And as he approved himſelf faithful and diligent in the Gift beſtowed upon him, the Lord was pleaſed to inlarge it, ſo that he became an able Miniſter of the Goſpel, and therein his frequent Service amongſt Friends was very edifying, and helpful to ſuch as had the Opportunity of his Labours and Service amongſt them.

He was not only inſtrumentally helpful in that reſpect, but the Lord having been graciouſly pleaſed to beſtow upon him a good Degree of Underſtanding, he was thereby qualified to be very ſerviceable in the Diſcipline of the Church; ſo that ſuch as knew him, and had the Benefit of his Labours and Services amongſt them, had a valuable Eſteem for him, both at home and abroad; for he often viſited the Meetings of Friends in divers of the adjacent Counties; and, in the Year 1700, had a

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Concern upon his Mind to viſit Friends in *Wales*, together with the South and Weſt Parts of this Nation; which Journey, in Company with another Friend, he accompliſhed to his Satisfaction; after his Return, ſaying, *The Lord had been near to and aſſiſted him therein, in the greateſt Exerciſes that he met with*; and alſo, *That he found a favourable and kind Reception among Friends where he travelled; which bowed him down in Spirit before the Lord, in Thankfulneſs to acknowledge his great Goodneſs to him in many Reſpects.* He was often made to rejoice both in publick and private, that the Lord ſhould be ſo graciouſly pleaſed to viſit him, and in any degree to make him ſerviceable in the Church and among his People.

At a certain Time, when viſited with Sickneſs, whereof many thought he would not have recovered, he expreſſed himſelf on this wiſe to Friends then preſent; — *I have been often brought very low in my Mind, when I conſidered the exceeding Goodneſs of the Lord to me, in viſiting my Soul with the Inſhining of Truth, whereby I was made to ſee the miſerable and wretched State I was then in, having ſpent ſo much of my precious Time in Vanity, and in following of my own fooliſh Imaginations; but the Lord, through his infinite Mercy, in his own due Time, was pleaſed to correct and chaſtiſe me for the ſame, and, in meaſure, I came to be redeemed therefrom; although, I may ſay, I was neither a Prophet nor a Prophet's Son, but a*

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poor forlorn Creature, which cauſeth me the more to admire his Loving-kindneſs to me ; for I can ſay, when at any Time I have gone aſtray, his Rod and his Staff have upheld me, and therefore I have come to witneſs Deliverance. I ſpeak not theſe Things to gain your Applauſe ; no ! I am far from that ; there is no Deſert in me ; my own Unworthineſs, as a Man, I have reaſon to bear in Mind ; but it is the Lord's Goodneſs to me that occaſions me thus to expreſs myſelf.

He was often concerned for Friends Growth and Proſperity in the Truth ; and eſpecially, that the Youth might be preſerved from the many hurtful and entangling Snares of this World ; endeavouring to excite in Friends a diligent Care after their own Growth therein, and that they might not too much depend upon inſtrumental Means, which frequently leads to a Neglect of attending upon the Gift in themſelves. Thus he was often engaged in Spirit for the Good of thoſe he laboured amongſt. He alſo was a very diligent Attender of Meetings, until old Age and Infirmity of Body rendered him uncapable, and therein was very exemplary to others. His Life and Converſation correſponded with his Doctrine. He was not apt to appear in Meetings, after a publick Manner, unleſs he had a Neceſſity upon him ſo to do ; and then his Exerciſe tended to the Edification and Comfort of thoſe who ſat under his Miniſtry, which was living and powerful.

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In his laſt Ilneſs, which continued many Months upon him, he manifeſted a great deal of Patience and Reſignation of Mind to the Will of the Lord, ſaying to ſome Friends who viſited him, — *I have had many comfortable Times amongſt Friends, the Lord having been good to me in many Reſpects, and under various Exerciſes and Temptations that I have met with; and I hope, as I continue faithful to the End, he will be near me ſtill, and at that Time give me an Inheritance among the Righteous, which I have no Cauſe to doubt of; for although this Affliction he has now laid, or permitted to be brought upon me, be exerciſing, yet if it ſhould continue and increaſe, I know that I ought to bear with Patience; for the Lord has been good to me many Ways, as I have reaſon to acknowledge, and hope he will continue ſo to be to the End.*

We doubt not but the Deſire of his Soul was anſwered in that Reſpect, and that he now enjoys the Fruit of his Labours, *Peace with the Lord*, and *Aſſurance for ever*. And although, by reaſon of his old Age, and the Infirmity of Body that had long attended him, he at Times was not ſo ſtrong in his Intellects, as in the Time of his Health he uſed to be, yet he was in a good degree preſerved in a ſweet and inoffenſive Diſpoſition of Mind, and was ſometimes very lively and clear in his Underſtanding, and manifeſted the ſame in his laſt Moments.

He departed this Life, in great Patience and Stilneſs, the 10th of the Ninth Month 1728, and was buried in Friends Burying Ground in lower *Bentham* in *Yorkſhire*, on the 12th of the ſame, being in the Eightieth Year of his Age.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting at Woodbridge, *in the County of* Suffolk, *concerning our well-beloved Friend* MARY GODBOLD.

MARY GODBOLD, late Wife of *Robert Godbold*, of *Bredfield* in the County of *Suffolk*, was born in the Pariſh of *Dallingo*, in the County aforeſaid, about the Year 1665. She was well inclined from her Youth, and, for the Sake of the bleſſed Truth, did deny herſelf of thoſe Things which ſhe ſaw would prevent her from doing her Duty to God and Man. About the Year 1706, it pleaſed the Lord to call her into the Work of the Miniſtry. She was very zealous and faithful in the Diſcharge of her Duty therein, to the Honour of God, and the Comfort of his People.

She was a tender nurſing Mother, both in her Family and in the Church of Chriſt, and had a fervent Zeal for God and his bleſſed Truth; and ſhe was very loving and ſerviceable in entertaining Friends; alſo zealous in exhorting and building up both Old and Young

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in the moſt holy Faith: And the very Stream of her Teſtimony tended wonderfully to perſwade the young Generation to Faithfulneſs to God, and Love one towards another. She was alſo concerned to bear her Teſtimony againſt that *ſeparate Spirit* that hath appeared amongſt us of late. And though ſhe was often very weak in Body, yet very careful and diligent in viſiting Meetings, in and about the Counties of *Norfolk*, *Eſſex* and *Cambridgſhire*, as well as thoſe in the County wherein ſhe dwelt; and whilſt ſhe had Strength of Body to attend publick Meetings, ſhe had often therein a Word to ſpeak in Seaſon, ſuitable to the Conditions of many; and was inſtrumental, in the Hand of the Lord, to keep Things in good Order, relating to Church Affairs. But about the 12th of the Seventh Month 1728, ſhe was taken very ill, and much afflicted in Body; yet through fervent Travail of Soul to the Lord, in the living Faith which ſhe received of Chriſt the Author of it, ſhe was kept ſtedfaſt, in the true Patience, to the End of her Days, and obtained Victory, which God in his own good Time did manifeſt to her; and which moſt excellent Enjoyment ſhe often declared of unto others, to their Joy and Refreſhment alſo. She would frequently ſay, in the Time of her Ilneſs, *That the Work of Regeneration was bravely compleated in Chriſt, and all Doubts and Fears were removed; and now ſhe waited to be with him her Redeemer.*

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She likewiſe often ſpoke *of the ſweet Enjoyment of God's living Preſence, which ſhe was favoured with*; for which ſhe was thankful, and praiſed the Lord for his great Goodneſs towards her Soul. At other Times ſhe wept and prayed on behalf of others, and begged *that the Lord, in his great Goodneſs and Mercy, would be pleaſed to viſit the Souls of all, as he had viſited her.* And in this ſweet, quiet and heavenly Frame of Spirit, ſhe continued to the End of her Ilneſs; and on the 4th Day of the Eleventh Month 1728, being then very ſtill and quiet, and in a Lamb-like State, ſhe gave up the Ghoſt; and we have good reaſon to believe ſhe died in true Peace with the Lord, and in right Good-will towards all Mankind, and is gone to receive a Crown of Righteouſneſs, and a joyful Reward with the Lord, the God of her Salvation, for ever. And certainly the Loſs of her is very great to the Church, but undoubtedly our Loſs is her Gain and Comfort in Chriſt, World without End.

On the 7th of the Eleventh Month 1728, ſhe was decently buried in Friends Burying Ground in *Bredfield* aforeſaid.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting at Aſquith *in* Yorkſhire, *concerning* JOHN DODSHON.

THIS our dear deceaſed Friend was deſcended of believing Parents, and by them carefully educated in the Way of Truth and Plainneſs. In his young Years he became concerned in Spirit to fear and ſeek the Lord, that he might feel and witneſs in himſelf the ſanctifying Work of his Spirit; and by attending thereto, he grew up a good Example to the Youth of his Time. Thus perſevering to love Truth and religious Meetings, and waiting therein upon the Lord for his quickning Power, he had a Gift of the Miniſtry committed to him. His Labour and Exerciſe therein tended to Friends Comfort and Satisfaction, the ſame being adorned with an innocent Life, and a grave and peaceable Converſation; and through the Openings of the divine Power, his Underſtanding came to be enlarged in the Myſteries of the Kingdom. He was truly beloved and eſteemed amongſt us in his Services for the Truth. He viſited many of the Meetings of Friends in this County, and in ſome other Counties, North and South, to the Satisfaction and Comfort of Friends; having alſo often had good Service in divers publick Meetings, on ſundry Occaſions,

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where many People of different Profeſſions were gathered. He was a very diligent Attender of our Monthly-meetings, and very ſerviceable therein in many Reſpects, promoting Peace and Righteouſneſs; alſo a frequent Attender of our Quarterly-meeting, and often at the Yearly-meeting, and other Meetings for Truth's Service.

He was a loving and kind Huſband, a gentle and prudent Maſter, and a good Neighbour; whoſe Readineſs to be aſſiſting in many Caſes, gained him a general Reſpect amongſt them; a Lover of Peace, and very inſtrumental in compoſing of Differences; ſo that his Removal from us ſeems not only to be a Loſs to the Church, but others alſo; yet his great and everlaſting Gain.

Some Months before his Departure, he told ſome Friends, *he did not expect to continue long amongſt us*; and, in the particular Meeting whereunto he belonged, he ſeemed in his Exerciſe like a Perſon haſting to be diſcharged of his Day's Work; which was particularly remarked by ſome.

On the 8th of the Firſt Month 1728, he was ſuddenly ſeized with a *Fever*, and though the Diſtemper was very violent upon him, he bore it with *Chriſtian* Patience and Reſignation. He gave good Advice to young People, and others who viſited him, and often ſpoke thankfully *of the Goodneſs of God to him, and of the Sweetneſs of true Love, right Unity, and Brotherhood,*

Brotherhood, which he had laboured to promote, and then recommended. He appeared without any Surpriſe at the Approach of ſo ſudden a Change; often praying for *divine Help to bear and go through*; and nigh his laſt Moment deſired, *that he might have to draw his Breath in the Senſe of Life*; which ſome there preſent fully believed was mercifully granted him; and that he is now entered into the Kingdom of Glory and Peace that never ſhall have an End.

He departed this Life the 14th, and was buried in Friends Burying Ground at *Hard-caſtle Garth* the 16th of the Firſt Month 1728, being attended to his Grave by many Friends and others. Aged about Fifty three Years. A Miniſter nigh Thirty Years.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting, held at Pardſhaw-hall, *for the County of* Cumberland, *concerning* THOMAS DREWREY *Senior.*

THOMAS DREWREY *Senior*, of *Bolton* in the County of *Cumberland*, was convinced of the Truth about the Fourteenth Year of his Age: There being but very few in thoſe Days who made Profeſſion thereof, he was much vilified, derided and reproached, by his Parents, Relations and others, who uſed what Means they could to perſwade him not to

leave the Way of his Anceſtors; during which Time, he underwent great Afflictions upon ſeveral Accounts; yet, being ſupported by the Power and Virtue of that which he profeſſed, he was enabled to ſtand through all. As he grew in Years, he grew in Strength and ſaving Knowledge, and by degrees came to witneſs an Improvement in that Gift the Lord had beſtowed upon him, ſo that in due Time he was engaged to open his Mouth in publick Teſtimony, and to declare unto others, what the Lord had made him an Experiencer of. His diligent and fervent Labour was, that all might be made Sharers thereof. He was not eloquent of Speech, nor accompliſhed with Literature, but was attended with the Life and Power of Truth, which is the Subſtance of the true Miniſtry: This made his Offerings beneficial and edifying to the Church. He did not travel much abroad, except ſometimes into the South and Weſtern Parts of *England* and *Wales*, but very diligently attended the Meetings he belonged to; and alſo often viſited Meetings in his native County. He was a good Example in a blameleſs Life and Converſation, and a faithful Sufferer for the Teſtimony of Truth, in the Time of Perſecution. He had a Fine of Twenty Pounds impoſed upon him for keeping a Meeting at his Houſe, and the ſame being levied, made great Havock of his ſmall Stock; yet, as he often ſaid, *he never ſuffered Want.* His Heart

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was open to entertain Friends, and often to contribute to the Neceſſity of the Poor, which he frequently adviſed Friends unto, ſaying, *the Lord loves a cheerful Giver.* So being an Encourager of Good, in all reſpects, he found the Bleſſing and Comfort thereof in his declining Days, inſomuch, that when he advanced in Age, and Infirmity of Body grew upon him to that degree, that he was unable to attend Meetings, he was preſerved in a tender and ſweet Frame of Spirit; during which Time, the Viſits of Friends were very acceptable to him, having great Love to them for Truth's Sake, and ſaying, *He greatly loved the Company of Friends, and hoped he ſhould die in Unity with them*; and that, *as Truth had been his Choice in his Youth, it was his Support and Comfort in his old Age, or elſe his Infirmity of Body would be heavier to bear.* Yet he often expreſſed his Deſire to be diſſolved and to be at Reſt, feeling nothing but Peace with God and Goodwill towards all Men. And being ſenſible the Time of his Departure drew near, he was very deſirous of his eldeſt Son *Thomas*'s Company, who had many ſolid Times of Conference with him, about Truth and the Affairs thereof; but the moſt memorable and weighty Expreſſions which he uttered, near the Time of his Concluſion, were to this Effect. — *I have lived to a good old Age, and gone through divers Exerciſes and Trials; and, through all, the Lord hath been my Help and*

Support; and now I have ſo much Peace and Satisfaction in my inner Man, that it ſeems to me, if I had my Days to ſpend over again, I could not ſpend them better.

After this, his Time was but ſhort; his Body weakned, and his Speech failed, ſo was not well to be underſtood; and as Peace had been his Delight in his Life-time, he was favoured with a peaceable and quiet End, without either Struggle, Sigh or Groan.

He departed this Life the 29th Day of the Third Month 1729, in the Ninety firſt Year of his Age. A Miniſter Fifty Years, or upwards.

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Some Account of SARAH BROWN, *of* Pickering, *with ſome of her dying Sayings, as near as can be remembered: From the Monthly-meeting of* Malton *in* Yorkſhire.

SHE was carefully educated, by her Parents, in the Principles of Truth; and, when very young, ſhe fell under a Concern of Heart, that ſhe might come to be acquainted with the Lord for herſelf; and, in order thereto, as ſhe in the Time of her laſt Ilneſs declared, *She was made willing to ſeek out private Places, to pour forth her Supplications to the Lord*; beſeeching him, *to make the Way of Truth more fully known to her*; and alſo, *to enable her to walk therein.* Which Concern he was pleaſed to regard, in his own Time, to his Praiſe, and to her Growth and Incouragement in the Truth; for about the Twenty ſecond Year of her Age, a Part in the Miniſtry was committed to her, which became a very cloſe Concern upon her, being ſuch a Croſs, that ſhe ſaid, *She had rather have parted with her natural Life; but could find no Peace without anſwering the Lord's Requirings*; and therefore ſhe reſolved, through his divine Aſſiſtance, *to be obedient unto him, though all Sorts of People might hiſs at her.*

She travelled in the Service of the Miniſtry, in this and ſeveral neighbouring Counties, and was well received, ſhe being of a grave, modeſt and exemplary Behaviour, as became her Vocation, and our holy Profeſſion; and the Lord was pleaſed to favour her with *Chriſtian* Courage to the laſt: For in the Time of her late Ilneſs (it being a pining Diſtemper) ſhe ſignified, *that ſhe had freely given up herſelf, and all that was near to her, to the Lord*; and, in great Sweetneſs of Spirit, very frequently expreſſed her earneſt Deſire for the Preſervation of *her Huſband and Children in the Truth.* She often bewail'd the looſe Profeſſors of our own Society, and alſo the Blindneſs and Prophanity of many in other Profeſſions, expreſſing her Deſire for the Good of all People; and ſaid, *that ſhe had no Cauſe to diſtruſt the Lord, for he had been wonderfully kind.* And near her End ſhe had many ſick Fits, yet often broke forth in great Sweetneſs, ſaying,—*Glory be to the eternal God, whom*, ſhe ſaid, *ſhe felt to be near her in that the Time of her great Affliction of Body.*

About half an Hour before her Departure, ſhe ſeemed to have an hard Struggle with Death, and ſpake not much more to us; but a few Minutes before ſhe drew her laſt Breath, ſhe appeared eaſy, and very ſweetly cried out, —*Glory be to the eternal God!* And ſo long as ſhe could ſpeak, in Sweetneſs of Spirit gave Glory to God. And although ſhe hath finiſhed her

her Courſe in this World, her Memory is ſweet to us that are left behind.

She died the 18th of the Fourth Month 1729, in the Thirty third Year of her Age, and was buried at *Pickering* aforeſaid.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting at Pardſhaw-hall *in* Cumberland, *concerning* THOMAS SCOTT *of* Newbiggin.

HE was born at *Hetherſide*, in the Year 1678, in the ſaid County. His Parents were of the Church of *England*, in which Way he was educated; but being at a Meeting of Friends, the Lord was pleaſed, through the Miniſtry of his Servants, to reach his Underſtanding, ſo that he was fully convinced of the Truth, and joined with Friends, took up the daily Croſs, and denied himſelf of his former Pleaſures and Paſtimes.

He was of an innocent Behaviour, and grew in the Truth; and after ſome Time, the Lord endued him with a Gift of the Miniſtry. His Appearance was in a lowly, humble, Frame of Mind, in the Demonſtration of the Spirit and Power, and attended with a ſweet and heavenly Authority, to the edifying and refreſhing of the Church. He was juſt upon the Workers of Iniquity, though conſolating to the True-hearted. His Care of the Church

was great, and the Proſperity of Truth much in his View. He was well eſteemed by Friends. He viſited the Churches in divers Parts of this Nation, and alſo in *North Britain*, where he had good Service.

He was a good Example to the Youth; a loving Huſband, and a tender affectionate Father to his Children, and often ſupplicated the Lord for them.

Being at a Meeting one Firſt-day, he livingly preached the Goſpel; and in his Return was taken with an Ilneſs, which increaſed and remained upon him near three Weeks; during which Time, he was patient and reſigned to the Will of the Lord, ſaying, *that Death was no Terror to him.*

He departed this Life the 8th Day of the Sixth Month 1729, in great Unity with us, and was interred in Friends Burying Ground at *Hetherſide*. Many Friends attended his Burial, and the Truth was powerfully declared, to general Satisfaction. Aged Fifty Years. A Miniſter Twenty Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Pardſhaw-hall, *in the County of* Cumberland, *concerning* JOSEPH BUNTING.

HE was born in *Ireland*, and deſcended of honeſt Parents, whoſe Names were *Joſeph* and *Jane Bunting*. They brought him over with them when young, and ſettled upon a Farm, within the Compaſs of *Allenby* Meeting in this County, for ſeveral Years.

He was educated in the Way of Truth, and, in his young Years, much inclined to read the holy Scriptures, and the Writings of Friends, being endued with a large natural Capacity.

About the Twelfth Year of his Age, the Lord was pleaſed to viſit him; ſo that he hath ſince been heard to ſay, *He ſhould then have opened his Mouth in publick Teſtimony in Meetings; but not giving up in Obedience, was, through the ſubtil Workings of the Enemy, for a Time led away after youthful Vanities.* Afterwards, about the Twenty ſecond Year of his Age, it pleaſed the Lord to give him a ſecond Viſitation, by the powerful Miniſtry of our worthy Friend *Mary Ellerton* of *York*, then in this County. Soon after, he gave up in Obedience to what he believed was required of him, and came forth in a publick Teſtimony, in

in a few Words, which was attended with the Power and Authority of the Truth, and, being preſerved in an humble, lowly Mind, he grew in his Gift, and became an able Miniſter of the Goſpel.

He viſited Friends in moſt Parts of this Nation and *Ireland*, having good Service for the Truth, whereof many are Witneſſes. His Miniſtry was ſound, living, clear, powerful and prevalent; juſt upon the Workers of Iniquity, yet very tender and conſolating to the leaſt Child in the Truth.

He was married to an honeſt young Woman of *Allenby* Meeting about two Years ago, and removed to *Whitehaven*, where he had good Service amongſt Friends and others, who much lamented his Death. His Teſtimony was very affecting to People in many Places. He was willing to ſpend and be ſpent for Truth's Sake. His Converſation was ſolid, ſavoury and exemplary. We cannot but lament the Loſs of ſo ſerviceable an Inſtrument in the Hand of the Lord. Several were convinced by him and joined with Friends. He was diligent in attending Meetings when at home.

In his Sickneſs he was patient, and ſaid, *It was a brave Thing to have a clear Conſcience at ſuch a Time.* And calling his dear Wife to him, ſaid, *He muſt leave her, and commit her into the Hands of a good Keeper*; adding, *What Cauſe have I to be thankful, that I have had Time to remember, and call on him who will*

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take me to himſelf. He declared often, that *he was very eaſy*; and in his Sickneſs he was at Times wonderfully drawn forth in Prayer.

He departed this Life, in great Unity with Friends, the 29th Day of the Ninth Month 1729, and we believe is at Reſt. He was buried, the 1ſt Day of the Tenth Month, in Friends Burying Ground in *Whitehaven*, where a great many Friends and others attended, and divers living Teſtimonies were born to the Truth. Aged about Thirty four. A Miniſter Twelve Years.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Durham, *concerning* ELIZABETH WHEATLY.

SHE received the Truth in her young and tender Age, in the early Breakings forth thereof, about the Year 1656. At her firſt Convincement ſhe met with Hardſhips from her Mother, who was a Widow, and ſo ſevere againſt her, that ſhe turned her out of her Houſe to ſhift for herſelf; but this Suffering was made eaſy in a little Space: Some Relations being convinced, one of them entertained her, at whoſe Houſe ſhe remained ſome Years; and in this Time ſhe not only became well ſettled and grounded in the Truth, but was raiſed up to give a freſh and lively Teſtimony to others of its Goodneſs, to the Comfort of the Meeting

ing to which ſhe belonged, and to the edifying of many. And being made willing to give up to what was manifeſted and called for at her hand to bear Teſtimony unto, ſhe became a very ſerviceable Inſtrument in the Hand of the Lord, to the comforting and ſtrengthning of many, by her continued Labour of Love; which was not only acceptable to the neighbouring Parts where ſhe firſt had her Service, but ſhe was frequent in Travels, viſiting moſt Counties in *England*, and ſeveral Parts of *Scotland*, being zealouſly concerned for the Growth of Truth amongſt the Profeſſors of it, that they might arrive at the true Knowledge thereof. She was of a good Savour amongſt her Neighbours and Acquaintance, and of good Service even to very old Age; and finiſhed her Courſe in this Life in the Ninety ſecond Year of her Age; having been a Preacher of Righteouſneſs, not only in Word and Doctrine, but alſo in Life and Converſation, for about Seventy Years. And having laid down her Head in Peace, ſhe reſts from her Labours, and her Works follow her.

She departed this Life at *Iveſton*, being the Place of her Abode, the 20th of the Twelfth Month 1729.

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The Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Lancaſter, *concerning* SARAH TOMLINSON.

OUR Friend *Sarah Tomlinſon* was born in *Cheſhire.* She was educated by her Parents in the Principles of the Church of *England*, her Father being a Prieſt. The manner of her Convincement we cannot rightly ſhew, there being no Footſteps to be found amongſt her Papers that give any Information thereof: But this we know, that upon her embracing our Principles, and joining in Society with us, ſhe was turned out of her Father's Houſe; whereupon our Friend *Tabitha Ardern*, of *Stockport* in *Cheſhire*, charitably took her under her Care, where ſhe became confirmed in the Principles of Truth ſhe had before embraced; and in due Time it pleaſed the Lord to commit to her a Gift in the Miniſtry, in which ſhe laboured, both in the Meeting to which ſhe belonged, and in many Parts of *England* and *Wales*. Her Miniſtry was attended with Life and Power, as many have experienced to their Comfort and Refreſhment. She was very ſerviceable in Meetings eſtabliſhed for Church Diſcipline, being peculiarly qualified for it; charitable to the Poor, particularly when under Infirmity of Body, ſhe having great Judgment in applying

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proper Remedies for their Relief, and her Death is therefore by them much lamented. In all theſe and many other Services, ſhe laboured to the Time of her laſt Ilneſs, which was a *Fever*. Many Friends and Neighbours who then viſited her, found her in a patient Reſignation to the Lord's Will. She often expreſſed her earneſt Deſire, *that Friends might proſper in the Truth, and live in Unity one with another*; and but a few Hours before her Departure, recommended her dear Love to all Friends, ſignifying her Satisfaction in her approaching Diſſolution; which was comfortable to thoſe attending her; and we have reaſon to believe ſhe is gone to Reſt.

She died at her own Houſe in *Warrington* the 24th, and was buried the 27th of the Twelfth Month 1729, at Friends Burying Ground there, her Body being accompanied to the Grave by many Friends and Neighbours.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting in Cumberland, *concerning* HENRY ATKINSON.

HE was deſcended of believing Parents, at *Moſthorn* in the ſaid County, who died when he and their other Children were young. Hereupon this our Friend was received by a Relation, a Member of the Church of *England*, who educated him in that Way. He was then a ſober Youth, and was bound Apprentice to a *Taylor* in *Newcaſtle* upon *Tyne*. After ſome Time he removed to *London* and ſettled there, and was convinced of the Truth, and joined with Friends at *London*, and moſtly continued there for Fourteen Years. He then returned into his native Country and ſettled there, and was well eſteemed by Friends; being often melted and broken by the Power of Truth in Meetings. He came forth in a publick Teſtimony, and was ſerviceable therein. He was of a clean ſweet Conduct, redeemed from the World, and the Spirit of it; and often bore his Teſtimony, in the Authority of Truth, againſt the ſame. He was of a cheerful Temper. He viſited the Churches divers Times in *North-Britain* and *Ireland*, and we believe had good Service.

Near the latter Part of his Time, he was concern'd to viſit the South Parts of this Nation.

Nation. He had a Certificate from the Monthly-meeting he belonged to, and, as we underſtand, was enabled to accompliſh his Service; but in his Return was taken with a *Fever* and *Ague* at a Friend's Houſe near *Banbury* in *Oxfordſhire*, where he departed this Life, about the Sixtieth Year of his Age. A Miniſter Thirty Years.

The Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Newcaſtle, *concerning* SAMUEL MAUD, *late of* Sunderland.

WE think it our Duty, and hope it may be of Service, to recommend to Poſterity the good Example of this our dear deceaſed Friend. He was born at *Leeds* in *Yorkſhire*; his Parents being *Preſbyterians*, he was educated in that Way till about the Eighteenth Year of his Age; at which Time he came to live with *William Maud*, his Uncle, at *Sunderland*, who was a Profeſſor of Truth in its early Breakings forth; with whom he continued not long, before he was convinced of the ſame, and made open Profeſſion thereof; demonſtrating to the World the bleſſed Effects of the Power of Truth, by a ſober and religious Converſation, in which he ſeemed daily to improve, until he was raiſed up to bear a publick Teſtimony to the Light of Jeſus, which

which had wrought his Reformation. His Labour of Love was well accepted of by his Brethren, he appearing well qualified for the Work of the Miniſtry, being lively and edifying in his Teſtimony, ſound in Doctrine, and exemplary in a ſteady pious Conduct. A Lover of Peace and Unity, which he not only frequently recommended to others, but ſo fully demonſtrated his own Regard to it, that in ſome Conteſts he meekly reſigned his Right for the Sake thereof. He kept a more than ordinary Government over his own Spirit, which made the Work of the Spirit of Truth ſhine forth very eminently both in his Life and Doctrine. This rendered him dear to us, and well eſteemed by others. And ſo ſenſible are we of his eminent Services, both in the Miniſtry and Diſcipline of the Church, that the Spirits of many are bowed down in a deep Senſe of the Loſs we ſuſtain by his Death.

He departed this Life the 4th Day of the Second Month 1730. Aged Sixty three.

A Teſtimony from Carloe *Monthly-meeting in* Ireland, *concerning* GEORGE RUSSEL.

THIS our dear deceaſed Friend hath been known by ſome of us about Fifty five Years. He was a Man of an innocent Life and blameleſs Converſation, zealous for the Promotion of Truth, and the Diſcipline of the Church; conſtant in attending Half-year's, Quarterly and Province-meetings, as well as the particular Meeting to which he belonged; and often had a Concern upon him to adviſe Friends to make right Uſe of Time, that their Day's Work might be done in the Day: For that *an exerciſing Time and Day of great Mortality was coming on, which would be a dreadful Day to the Unfaithful and Diſobedient amongſt us; and that there would be no Safety in that Day, but in the Lord's Arm of Power*; ſaying, *we ſhould be ſafe under it, and not otherwiſe.*

The Subſtance of this he was frequently concerned, under great Dread and Weight, to declare amongſt us; and, to ſome who viſited him in his Ilneſs, ſaid, that *What he had ſo often been concerned to declare amongſt us, would come to paſs.* His Appearance in Meetings was always under a reverent Awfulneſs. And as he was diligent in attending Meetings, ſo was he frequently concerned to preſs Friends to viſit

viſit Families within the Compaſs of our Monthly-meeting; ſaying, *The Lord often owned them in that Concern, as there was a waiting upon him in the Service.* In ſuch Viſits, he at times had a clear Sight reſpecting the State of Families, and would drop very ſuitable Advice upon thoſe Occaſions. His Love was ſuch to Friends and Truth, that he ſuffered not his outward Affairs to hinder his attending the Service of the Church, but was always ready, when of Ability, to join Friends therein, and mindful to encourage others. He was one who took the Over-ſight of the Flock, not by Conſtraint, but willingly; and we have, with his Wife and Children, to whom he was a loving Huſband and tender Father, a ſenſible Loſs of ſo worthy a Friend and Elder, who was taken from us, lively in old Age.

He endured the Pain of his laſt Ilneſs with great Patience, and in Spirit was attended with divine Sweetneſs, which ſupported him through. He had his Requeſt granted, of *an eaſy Paſſage out of this Life*; and we have no Cauſe to doubt he enjoys the Fruit of his Labours, and is entered into the Reſt prepared for the Righteous.

He departed this Life the 18th of the Sixth Month 1730. Aged about Eighty, a Miniſter about Forty Years.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting at Hurſtperpoint, *in the County of* Suſſex, *concerning* WILLIAM BEARD.

HE was a meek, humble, innocent and inoffenſive Man, a ſincere Lover of the Truth, and of the Friends of it. He diligently frequented Meetings ſo long as Ability of Body would permit. And as it pleaſed the Lord to commit to him a Part in the Miniſtry, we believe he faithfully diſcharged his Duty therein. His Delivery was in Plainneſs of Speech, frequently in great Tenderneſs and Brokenneſs of Spirit. He ſeldom appeared in many Words at a time; yet what he delivered, ſeemed always to ſpring from the divine Fountain, it being attended with Life and Power, and was greatly to the comforting and Refreſhment of many. He uſed with much Earneſtneſs to exhort and preſs all to Diligence in Meetings, and that none would ſit down eaſy under a bare Profeſſion of Religion, but labour and ſtrive after the inward Work, that they might know Sanctification and Holineſs perfected in themſelves. He was oftentimes very fervent and powerful in Prayer. He was a good Example to others, and well eſteemed by Friends and Neighbours. His Removal from us is a Loſs to our County,

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and eſpecially to the Meeting at *Brighthelmſton*, to which he belonged.

In the time of his Ilneſs, and but a little before his Death, he did ſeveral times expreſs, that *he enjoyed inward Peace*, and that *he was well ſatisfied in the Will of the Lord, whether it were to live or die.*

He departed this Life the 27th Day of the Seventh Month 1730, and was buried the 30th of the ſame in Friends Burying Ground at *Rottingdeane*. Aged about Seventy three Years.

The Teſtimony of Friends from the Moate *Monthly-meeting in* Ireland, *concerning* ELIZABETH WILSON.

THIS our dear Friend was born at *Waterſtown*, in the County of *Weſt Meath*, in the Year 1694; the Names of her Parents were *Jacob* and *Jane Fuller*, who, being honeſt and religious Perſons, carefully educated their Children in the Way of Truth; and ſhe was dutiful to them to the End of their Days.

And as ſhe grew in Years, ſhe had religious Inclinations, and thereby came ſenſibly to know the Want of an inward Acquaintance with the Lord in Spirit, which, Education of itſelf could not give her. Thus the Lord began to prepare her, by his Word and Power

in her Heart, for future Service. And her Love increaſing in the pure holy Fear, ſhe was preſerved out of the Vanity and Folly, which too much abound in ſome of the Youth of our Day.

She loved Retirement, and often, with a tender, humble and broken Spirit, waited for a further Manifeſtation of the pure holy Principle of Light and Grace; and, in thoſe inward Exerciſes, ſhe frequently witneſſed the Comfort of divine Love.

When ſhe grew to mature Age, by the Conſent of her Parents, ſhe joined in Marriage with *William Watſon*, a religious young Man, who lived but a ſhort time with her. She remained a Widow ſeveral Years, in which State ſhe behaved well, and received a Gift in the Miniſtry. She was of an innocent and ſober Converſation, well beloved, both by Friends and Neighbours.

In the Year 1721 ſhe married our Friend *Thomas Wilſon*, who frequently gave her up to anſwer ſuch Services as were required of her; and as ſhe, by Faithfulneſs, had obtained to a good degree of Advancement in the Truth, ſhe was not haſty nor forward to offer her Gift, but waited in the pure Silence, to be endued with Power from on high, which is the true Qualification of all who are called into that weighty Work of the Miniſtry; whereby ſhe became ſkilful in dividing the Word ſuitably to the States of the People.

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And although ſhe ſeldom appeared large in Teſtimony at home, the tender Frame of Spirit ſhe frequently ſat under, in our ſilent Meetings, was very obſervable; yet when ſhe did appear, what ſhe delivered was ſound and weighty, often being as glad Tidings of Life and Salvation, by Jeſus Chriſt, to the true Mourners in *Sion*, and Conſolation to the needy Soul: This ſeemed to be her particular Gift; yet, at times, the Power and Dread that ſhe appeared in, did ſtrike at the very Root and Myſtery of Iniquity, that works, and too much prevails in the Children of Diſobedience; hating the Appearance of Evil in any, but greatly concerned that Peace and Unity might be maintained amongſt Friends, and that the ancient Teſtimony and Diſcipline, ſettled amongſt us, might be kept up; and was ſerviceable therein, through her Zeal for the Proſperity of Truth.

She was a diligent Attender of Meetings, when at home; alſo our Quarterly and National Meetings. She ſometimes viſited Friends, both in the North and South of this Nation; and alſo, in Company with our dear Friend *Elizabeth Peaſe*, viſited Friends in *Scotland*, and ſome Parts of the North of *England*. And in the Seventh Month 1729, ſhe, with her dear Companion *Jane Gee*, having had a Concern upon their Minds for ſome time to viſit Friends in *Wales*, and ſome Parts of *England*, in full Unity they left us: And for a

further Account of her Labour and Service in that Nation, we refer to the following *Poſtſcript*, wrote by her Companion; and have ground for Hope, that ſhe is entered into that Reſt prepared for the Righteous. She was a Miniſter about Eleven Years.

A Poſtſcript *by* JANE GEE.

" MY dear Friend and Couſin *Elizabeth*
" *Wilſon*, having for ſome conſiderable
" Time had a Concern upon her Mind to viſit
" Friends Meetings in *Wales*, and ſome Parts
" of *England*, opened her Mind to me; and,
" having the like Concern, I found much
" Freedom to join with her in that Service.
" Taking our ſolemn Leave of our Huſbands
" and Friends the 20th of the Seventh Month
" 1729, we landed near *Cheſter* the 23d of
" the ſame; ſo viſited Friends Meetings in
" *Wales*, and divers Parts of *England*, ſpend-
" ing about a Year in that Service. She grew
" in her Gift, and was well accepted where
" ſhe came. Her exemplary Deportment and
" innocent Behaviour, with a ſolid and reli-
" gious Converſation out of Meetings, which
" tended to Edification, was an Ornament to
" her. She was favoured with a Sight of her
" Death ſome Months before her Sickneſs,
" which made her very deſirous to get her
" Day's Work done. She was taken ill at

" *Ruſhworth*

" *Ruſhworth* near *Halifax* in *Yorkſhire*; but " having a Deſire to be with her Friends at " *Mancheſter*, got there; and her Diſtemper " prevailing upon her, ſhe took to her Bed " and lay about two Weeks, moſtly in a " retired ſenſible Condition, patiently bearing " her Affliction; and a few Hours before her " Departure, having lain ſome time in Stil- " neſs, ſhe ſaid, that *ſhe had enjoyed the ſweeteſt* " *Spring of divine Love that ever ſhe felt in all* " *her Days*; and took Leave of me with a " moſt ſweet, compoſed and pleaſant Counte- " nance. And as ſhe lived in the Fear of the " Lord, I do firmly believe ſhe died in his " Favour.

" She departed this Life the 16th of the " Eighth Month 1730, about the ſeventh " Hour in the Evening, and was buried in " Friends Burying Ground at *Mancheſter* the " 18th of the ſame."

A brief

A brief Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Owſtwick *in* Yorkſhire, *concerning* JOHN ADAM.

HE was deſcended of believing Parents, and educated in the Way of Truth, and was religiouſly inclined from his Childhood. He became a Miniſter about the Twenty fifth Year of his Age, and travelled frequently, in the Service of the Miniſtry, into *Scotland*, *Holland* and *Germany*; thrice into *Ireland*; alſo divers times in *Wales*, and the South and Weſt Parts of this Nation.

He was remarkably innocent, peaceable, meek and humble; which, with ſundry other Virtues and Qualifications, gained him the Eſteem both of Friends and Neighbours. In ſhort we may ſay, he was a Preacher of Righteouſneſs, in Life and Converſation, as well as Doctrine; and we doubt not but our Loſs is his exceeding great Gain.

He departed this Life at his own Habitation in *Welwick*, the 21ſt of the Sixth Month 1731. Aged about Fifty ſeven, a Miniſter about Thirty two Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting in Weſtmorland, *concerning* JOHN THOMPSON.

OUR ancient and worthy Friend *John Thompſon*, Son of *John Thompſon* of *Crook* near *Kendal* in *Weſtmorland*, was born in the Fifth Month 1667. His honeſt Parents zealouſly educated him in the Way of Truth. Notwithſtanding which, for ſome Years he was very inclinable to many of the Paſtimes and Diverſions of Youth, to the great Grief and Affliction of his religious Parents; but nothing proved ſufficient to reſtrain him, until it pleaſed God, by the merciful Viſitation of his Light and Grace, to ſhew him the Folly of his Ways, and the evil Conſequence that would enſue a Continuance therein; which, as he gave way to, wrought ſo powerfully in him, as to reclaim him from his former Courſes.

He received a Gift of the Miniſtry about the Eighteenth Year of his Age, and in a ſhort time viſited Friends Meetings in ſome adjacent Counties; after which, being ſeized with Sickneſs, he underwent great Afflictions, both of Body and Mind, for ſeveral Months: And thus being baptized in the Deeps, he was led to behold the Wonders of the Lord; and having the Myſteries of the Goſpel opened to him,

him, he became an able Miniſter thereof. He travelled much abroad in his young Years, not only in this Nation, but alſo in *Scotland* and *Ireland*, and had good Service both among Friends and others; though at times, from the violent Inſults of ſome unreaſonable Men, he was expoſed to imminent Danger, but through the Protection of Providence was preſerved from bodily Harm.

When at home, he was diligent and exemplary in attending Meetings both for Worſhip and Diſcipline. The Simplicity of the Goſpel very much appeared in his Miniſtry, to the Edification of the Church, and the reaching and convincing of ſeveral. He was alſo zealouſly engaged in Meetings of Diſcipline, at home and abroad, for the Preſervation of Unity and good Order in the Church. Whilſt Ability of Body would permit, he very much devoted himſelf to the Service of Truth; but being apprehenſive, of late Years, that his Stay here would not be long, he ſeveral times very fervently cautioned and warned Friends, in their Meetings, againſt *Formality*, and *a dead empty Profeſſion*; and that in a particular manner about two Weeks before his laſt Ilneſs.

Upon a young Man's coming to viſit him, when under conſiderable Weakneſs of Body, he expreſſed himſelf to this Effect; *My Day is now almoſt over, and this is thine: Give thyſelf up freely to the Service of Truth, and ſpare*

ſpare no Pains to publiſh the Goſpel; we have but once a Time: 'Tis my Comfort that I have freely devoted myſelf to the divine Requirings, and I have great Peace now in my declining Years. From hence 'tis evident, that the divine Power which called, brought forth and ſupported him under various Exerciſes in the Series of his Life, continued to uphold him near his dying Moments.

About the 25th of the Firſt Month 1731, he was ſeized with a violent *Fever*, and a Complication of other Diſtempers, which were very ſtrong upon him; yet he bore his Pain with great Patience, intimating his Reſignation to, and Contentment in the Will of God.

He quietly departed this Life at his own Houſe in *Crook*, on the 2d Day of the Second Month 1731, and was buried in Friends Burying Ground near his own Houſe the 5th of the ſame, being accompanied by a conſiderable Number of Friends and others. In the Sixty fourth Year of his Age, having been a Miniſter upwards of Forty five Years.

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The Teſtimony of the Quarterly-meeting of Cumberland, *concerning* THOMAS WILKINSON *of* Beckfoot.

THIS our ancient Friend deſcended of honeſt Parents, though not of our Profeſſion, and was born in the Year 1653. They died when he was young. He was educated, by a Relation, in the Way of the Church of *England*, and was by Nature wild, though not guilty of groſs Evils. About the Fourteenth Year of his Age it pleaſed the Lord to viſit him, and bring him under Conviction for his youthful Vanities; which he divers times expreſſed his Thankfulneſs for in his laſt Ilneſs; commemorating alſo, the Lord's Working upon him, and how he came to know a paſſing through the Miniſtration of Condemnation, which he patiently abode under, till he came to witneſs Juſtification and Peace. And being fully convinced of the Way of Truth, he joined himſelf with Friends; and after ſome Time, waiting in Silence with them, he received a Gift of the Miniſtry, and travelled, when but young, through moſt Parts of this Nation and *Wales*; and ſeveral times viſited Friends in *Scotland* and *Ireland*; approving himſelf a faithful Labourer according to his Meaſure, and was inſtrumental in turning ſeveral to Righteouſneſs.

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His Miniſtry was not with enticing Words of Man's Wiſdom, but in the Demonſtration of the Spirit and Power : And he was endued with an excellent Gift of Prayer. And as he bore a faithful Teſtimony in Word and Doctrine, his Converſation was agreeable thereto. He alſo bore a zealous Teſtimony againſt Tithes ; and for Non-payment of a ſmall *Modus* out of his Eſtate of Land, he was proſecuted, in the Court of *Exchequer*, by the Farmers of Tithes ; upon which Account he ſuffered Impriſonment at *Carliſle*, and in the *Fleet* at *London*, ſixteen Years before he was diſcharged : All which Suffering he patiently bore without murmuring ; and often ſaid, *he never enjoyed more of the Lord's Favour than in his Confinement.*

He paſſed through many Hardſhips, and great Exerciſes, by the * *Pearſons*, and bore a faithful Teſtimony againſt them, and the Spirit they appeared in, at the Meeting to which he belonged : As his Dwelling was near the Meeting-houſe, he ſuffered many Abuſes by them in their Malice and Rage ; but that which was moſt afflicting, was the Danger the Meeting was in, of being laid waſte by them :

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* *Thoſe* Pearſons *were Ranters ; bitter Enemies to the Society ; frequently diſturbed their Meetings for Worſhip in an unprecedented manner, and treated Individuals with great Outrages and Inſults.*

Under which Affliction this our Friend ſtood firm, himſelf and Family being inſtrumental to uphold the Meeting, and were a great Strength to Friends. In his laſt Ilneſs, ſome Friends ſitting by him, he ſaid, *He had no Trouble in his Mind for any Thing he had done concerning them, they being rebellious againſt God and his People.*

He was viſited with an intermitting *Fever* about three Weeks; during which Time, he was patient and ſenſible, and freely reſigned himſelf up to the Lord's Will; often ſignifying, *that nothing ſtood in his Way*, and *that he had the full Evidence of Joy and Peace.* He gave good Advice to Friends, and to his Children and Family, deſiring, *the Lord might bleſs them with the Dew of Heaven.*

He was of good Service in the Church. His Heart and Houſe were open to ſerve and entertain Strangers. He departed this Life the 20th of the Eighth Month 1731, in full Unity with Friends, and was decently interred the 22d of the ſame, in their Burying Place at *Beckfoot*; his Corps being accompanied by many Friends and ſober Neighbours, where divers living Teſtimonies were born for the Truth. Aged upwards of Seventy eight, a Miniſter about Fifty Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Kendal *in the County of* Weſtmorland, *concerning* CHRISTOPHER WINN.

OUR dear and worthy Friend *Chriſtopher Winn* was born near *Sedbergh* in *Yorkſhire*, in the Year 1655, and educated in the Way of the Church of *England*. He was convinced of the bleſſed Truth, about the Year 1680, by that eminent and worthy Miniſter of Chriſt *Roger Haydock*: For a farther Account of which, we refer to a following ſhort Narrative, left by him in *Manuſcript*.

He was called to the Work of the Miniſtry about the Year 1683, in which he laboured fervently and faithfully, being ſuitably qualified for the ſame; and in Teſtimony would frequently ſpeak of the Lord's gracious Dealings with his People; exhorting Friends to a Reſignedneſs of Mind to ſerve him faithfully; and even travailed in Pain, that Chriſt might be formed in all. He was powerful in Prayer, and in Supplication oftentimes favoured with a near Acceſs to divine Goodneſs.

His great Care and Concern for the Welfare of *Sion*, fully manifeſted his ſincere Love to Truth and the Brethren. He was diligent in attending Meetings; a ſtrict Obſerver of the Hour appointed: And the Care of the Church

grew daily upon him ; being concerned in a particular manner, that a godly and zealous Diſcipline ſhould be maintained, ſo that Judgment might be placed upon every Tranſgreſſor, and the Church be made clean : And although he uſed to deal plainly with Backſliders, yet, in a truly *Chriſtian* Spirit, entreated with ſuch Meekneſs, and moving Tenderneſs, as generally had a good Effect, being duly cautious of hardening or hurting any. He was full of Love, and meek in Expreſſion to the Babes in Chriſt.

He was a Man of an innocent, inoffenſive Conduct, and cheerful in Converſation ; and what rendered the ſame more agreeable, profitable and edifying, was his being attended with a reverential Awe in what Company ſoever he came, leſt he ſhould ſpeak or act any thing prejudicial to Truth : Thus perſevering in true Watchfulneſs, Humility and Circumſpection, he adorned his holy Profeſſion, and gained general Favour and Acceptance, both amongſt Friends and others.

About the Beginning of the Sixth Month 1731, he was viſited with a *Fever*, of which he partly recovered ; but the Relicts thereof threw him into a gradual Decay, which in time occaſioned his Death.

During his laſt Sickneſs, which continued ſeveral Months, he was frequently viſited by ſeveral Friends, who had great Satisfaction therein, wholſome Advice and ſweet Expreſſions

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often dropping from him: Some few of which are as follow. Being one time left in the Room, a Friend going in, told him *He was alone.* He anſwered, *No, he had the Company of the Father.* Another time being aſked, *If he would have a little Wine?* He anſwered, *He was favoured with the Wine of the Kingdom.* At another time his Wife, who was tender over him, told him, *He was poor*; meaning in Body. He cheerfully anſwered, *He ſhould in a little time be rich enough.* Another time, holding up his Hand, ſaid, *It looks poor and withered, and almoſt fit for the Grave*; adding, *it was no Terror to him; becauſe the Soul would be accepted in the Day of Account.* And after a little Pauſe, ſaid, *It's a noble Thing to endure to the End; ſuch obtain the promiſed Salvation.* Another time, when very weak of Body, a Friend being about to take Leave of him, he expreſſed himſelf thus; *Dear Friend, ſhall we not have Times of Pain and Diſtreſs? Nevertheleſs, let us not faint: It is my Faith, I am near upon entering into eternal Reſt.* The Friend anſwered, *She was fully of the ſame Mind.* He ſaid, *That's well:* And added, *Be of good Cheer; do thy beſt to pleaſe God, and be not afraid of what may befal thee; but be obedient to thy known Duty: Fear the Lord, and he will preſerve thee.* At another time, a Friend viſiting him, aſked, *How he fared?* He anſwered, *He was favoured with the Preſence of the Lord, and*

thereby refreſhed both in Soul and Body. Another time being aſked, *How he was?* He ſpake pretty largely of the *Goodneſs and Mercy of God extended to him, and the Seal and Evidence he had of eternal Salvation.* And at the ſame time return'd upon himſelf, and ſaid, *Though it be thus with me, the Words of the Apoſtle are fit to be remembered,*—Let him that thinketh he ſtandeth, take heed leſt he fall: And added, *Such a Pitch of Strength and Safety ſhould not be preſumed upon; we ſhould watch always.* In ſhort, he was a Pattern of Holineſs; and we think it may with as much Juſtice be ſaid of him as of moſt Men, that *he was an* Iſraelite *indeed, in whom there was no Guile.* Thus this virtuous and honourable Man, having lived to a good old Age, and kept the Faith, hath therein finiſhed his Courſe, and, we doubt not, obtained that glorious Immortality and Reſt which is prepared for the Righteous.

He departed this Life, at his Houſe near *Sedbergh*, on the 22d of the Second Month 1732. Aged Seventy ſeven, a Miniſter Fifty Years.

A ſhort

A ſhort Narrative, left in Manuſcript, *by* CHRISTOPHER WINN, *relating to his Convincement*, &c.

" DURING the Time of my late Indiſ-
" poſition of Body, the gracious Deal-
" ings of the Almighty with my Soul have
" often been revived in my Mind; as alſo,
" how I have anſwered the End of my
" Creation: And in the Courſe of my Expe-
" rience, I concur with the great Apoſtle of
" the *Gentiles*, that *The Fleſh luſteth againſt*
" *the Spirit, and the Spirit againſt the Fleſh*;
" but Thanks be to God for his Mercy, who
" in a good degree hath given me, through
" the Help of his divine Spirit and Power,
" Victory over the Luſts and Inclinations of
" the Fleſh: Therefore I cannot but earneſtly
" recommend all, carefully to obſerve what
" brings Pain and Uneaſineſs to the Mind,
" and look upon it as Correction and Inſtruc-
" tion from above; which, if duly regarded,
" will bring all into a degree of the ſame
" comfortable Experience.

" I was born in the Year 1655, and edu-
" cated in the Way of the Church of *England*,
" ſo called, and was, according to my Power
" and Capacity, a diligent Obſerver of its
" Doctrine and Worſhip, till ſuch time as I

" found a Longing of Soul for other Food,
" though I knew not where to find it. I do
" remember, in my young Days, ſomething
" at work in me, reproving for Sin and
" Tranſgreſſions, teaching and leading in the
" juſt Man's Path. The Lord was near at
" hand, but I knew him not; ſo that I often
" tranſgreſſed afreſh, and Fear ſeized me;
" inſomuch that I petitioned the Lord, *he*
" *would in Mercy deliver me from the gnawing*
" *Worm, and Fire unquenchable.* It was uſual
" with me to repeat the Lord's Prayer, when
" I laid down in my Bed, and often reproved
" myſelf, if I ſuffered any other Thoughts to
" intervene in the time of repeating it; de-
" ſigning to do my beſt to pleaſe God.

" After a time, by the Direction of divine
" Providence, at a Meeting of the People
" called *Quakers*, held at *Briggflats*, it was
" put into the Heart of that worthy Meſſenger
" and Man of God, *Roger Haydock*, to define
" *who had Right to call God* Father, *and who*
" *had not*: By which Doctrine my Under-
" ſtanding was opened, and my Heart en-
" larged, to conſider Friends Principles; which
" I perceived gradually fitted me for receiving
" the Grace and Spirit of God, and the Reve-
" lation of his Son in me. Then I became
" more ſenſible of a Croſs that was to be
" born; which when I went from under, I
" was ſmitten with great Fear and Horror;
" ſo that I evidently ſaw the bearing thereof,

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" was the Way to the Kingdom of God.
" And I remember, that to uſe the *plain*
" *Language* was none of the leaſt; for I
" ſheltered and covered with this Expreſſion,
" when I ſpoke to any, — *How doth' Body?*
" But this would not do: Peace was not to
" be obtained without Obedience. This kept
" me weak for a time; but when I gave
" up, Strength returned, and I had the Anſwer
" of *Well done, thou haſt not denied my Name.*
" Here was matter of rejoicing, which I write
" for the Encouragement of ſuch as may be
" weak in the like caſe; and let it be obſerv-
" ed,—Diſobedience always brings Feebleneſs,
" whether in this or other of the Lord's
" Requirings.

" Being convinced, and in meaſure con-
" verted, I had Deſires to become more and
" more the Lord's holy Temple, which called
" for Simplicity, and, in meaſure, Purity, as
" the Truth is in Jeſus. I was willing, in
" degree, to imitate *Zaccheus*, by reſtoring
" what I had wronged any of, whether by
" gaming or otherwiſe; the firſt of which I
" was addicted to in my Youth. The Sentence
" paſſed in me; I obeyed and Peace followed.

" About the Year 1683, being watchful
" over my own Spirit, and faithful to the
" Lord's Requirings, I grew in Favour with
" him; and waiting diligently in Meetings
" for his divine Power, I had given me to
" believe, I ſhould 'ere long have a publick

" Teſtimony to bear for him; and when the
" Day came, a terrible one it was; the Word
" of the Lord burned in me like a Fire,
" ſaying, *This is the Day, neglect it not*; ſo
" that I was willing to ſpeak a few Words.
" And it has been my chief Care ever ſince,
" to miniſter in the Ability that God gives:
" Beginning with the Oil, and ending when
" it ſtayed; which I know by manifold
" Experience, is the only Way to pleaſe God
" and profit the People.

" About the Year 1686, having ſome Incli-
" nation to marry, I had one in view; but
" conſulting him who anſwers from between
" the Cherubims, from the Mercy Seat, as I
" always did in Matters of moment, he was
" pleaſed to give me a View of one, at that
" time many Miles diſtant, which he after-
" wards gave me; a ſuitable Help-meet and
" dear Companion to this Day.

" Soon after I was married, the Enemy
" aſſaulted me afreſh, reſpecting the Cares of
" this Life, with which I much feared I
" ſhould be ſwallowed up; but my God and
" Saviour helped me to pray, and, in the time
" of Expreſſion, gave me Faith in his Power,
" that he who ruleth in Heaven and Earth
" would give me Strength to Victory. At the
" ſame time he gave me to know, I was too
" remiſs in frequenting Week-day Meetings;
" and upon my giving up to the Witneſs of
" God in me, he gave me a bleſſed Promiſe,

" *That*

" *That the little Meal in the Barrel ſhould not*
" *fail*, and, *that my End ſhould be happy, as*
" *I continued faithful to him*; whoſe Promiſes
" I have witneſſed to be *Yea and Amen.*
" Bleſſed be his Name for ever.

" About the Year 1694, I joined dear
" *Gilbert Thompſon*, my Wife's Brother, in
" the Management of his School, with whom
" I had true Fellowſhip; being ſenſible, in
" our Communication, that Jeſus drew near.

" While I lived there, the Lord put it into
" my Heart to viſit Friends in *Wales*, ſuch a
" Day in ſuch a Month; which if I had not
" anſwered, I had miſſed a Meeting, held
" only once a Month, at which was convinced
" a Woman of conſiderable Family; for
" which I humbly and thankfully bleſs God
" through Jeſus Chriſt. I may alſo ſay, in
" ſeveral of my Viſits to Friends in *Cheſhire*,
" *Yorkſhire* and *Cumberland*, ſome were con-
" vinced; which I mention only to encourage
" Goſpel Miniſters to Obedience.

" It likewiſe remains with me to ſignify,
" what the Lord put into my Heart by way
" of Prophecy, at a General-meeting at *Gray-*
" *rigg*, viz. I WILL BEND THE CEDARS, I
" WILL HUMBLE THE HEATHEN, AND
" ENLARGE ISRAEL'S BORDERS. And fervent
" Prayer continues upon my Mind for the
" young Generation amongſt Friends, that
" the Lord would be pleaſed to prepare them
" againſt that Day. I alſo earneſtly entreat

" that

" that our Elders, in their particular and
" Monthly-meetings, would watch in a godly
" Care and zealous Diſcipline over them,
" that they may live and act agreeable to a
" *Chriſtian* Converſation; for unleſs *the hidden*
" *Things of* Eſau *and* Achan *be deſtroyed*, as
" well as diſcovered, the *Iſrael* of God can
" neither journey forwards, nor ſtand before
" their Enemies. I am fully of the Mind,
" that when ever it may pleaſe God to redeem
" and recover his Church out of her preſent
" languiſhing Condition, the Line of *Diſci-*
" *pline* muſt be vigorouſly ſtretched over all
" Tranſgreſſors; Judgment laid to the Rule,
" and Righteouſneſs to the Balance; ſo ſhall
" every one receive what is right, according
" to the Uſe or Abuſe of their Talents.

" Now to God the Father, for all his
" unnutterable Mercies, through Jeſus Chriſt
" his Son, who by the gracious Aid and divine
" Influences of the holy Spirit, hath hitherto
" helped and preſerved me, and given me
" Faith and Hope of a Manſion amongſt the
" Sanctified, be rendered and aſcribed all
" Honour and Praiſe, Dominion and Glory,
" henceforth and for ever. *Amen.*

Milnthrop *near* Sedbergh, " CHRISTOPHER WINN."
the Eleventh Month 1731.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting at Brighthelmſtone *in the County of* Suſſex, *concerning* JOHN SNASHALL.

TO us it appears a laudable Practice to preſerve the Memory of the Righteous, in order to excite the Living to follow the Footſteps of the Flock of Chriſt Jeſus, our good and holy Shepherd. Such is the Motive in making mention of our worthy Friend and Elder *John Snaſhall*, deceaſed, who was an exemplary Pattern of Piety; deſcended of honeſt and religious Parents.

He was born at *Keymer*, near *Hurſtperpoint*, the 9th Day of the Second Month 1656. His Father was of the national Church, his Mother a *Baptiſt*. Being but a Child when his Father died, he fell chiefly under the Care of his elder Brother, a *Preſbyterian*. When he grew up to Years of Underſtanding, he ſought after Religion, and inclined to go with his Mother among the *Baptiſts*; till having Notice of a Meeting of Friends at *Blatchington*, near *Brighthelmſtone*, he went, and he heard the Truth ſo powerfully preached there by *Thomas Turner*, that he moſt readily received the Word and kept it; and his Heart being prepared as the good Ground, the heavenly Seed increaſed and brought forth in him the Fruits of the Spirit.

About

About the Year 1700, it pleaſed the Lord to favour him with a Gift of the Miniſtry, in which he experienced Improvement. He was ſound in Word and Doctrine, and oftentimes conſolating to the Churches of Chriſt; ſo that we have good reaſon to believe he was inſtrumental in convincing ſome, who continued faithful.

And altho' he did not ſee his Way clear to viſit many Meetings out of his native County, yet he was diligent, many times through great Difficulties, to attend the Monthly, Weekly, and Quarterly-meetings.

He was zealous againſt that antichriſtian Yoke of *Tithes*; for which, we believe, he was a faithful Sufferer, being an open and couragious Oppoſer of the hireling Prieſts, and the corrupt Part of their Doctrine in general; as well as of *George Keith* in particular, while *Keith* lived in *Suſſex*, and ſought to maintain his Apoſtacy.

In his natural Temper he was very loving and courteous to all; in Charity univerſal; a good and kind Neighbour, hardly withholding from any that wanted to borrow. A tender Father; frequent in Exhortation to his Children and Grand-children, to fear the Lord; very often expreſſing, *It would be his greateſt Joy, could he behold the bleſſed Truth proſper in his Day.*

He bore his Sickneſs, which was but ſhort, in great Meekneſs and Patience, and in a ſweet compoſed

compoſed Frame of Mind, was often heard to ſay,—*My Lord, my Light and my Salvation.* And we firmly believe he had a full Aſſurance the Lord was ſuch to him before his Departure, which was on the 11th of the Seventh Month 1732, in the Seventy ſixth Year of his Age.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of New-Malton *in* Yorkſhire, *concerning* JAMES SIMPSON.

HE was educated after the manner of the Church of *England*, and, in his young Years, came to live within the compaſs of our Meeting. Being zealouſly concerned for the Good of his Soul, his Cries were to the Lord, who in his own time opened his inward Eye, letting him ſee the Emptineſs of the National Worſhip in which he had been educated; and by the Illumination of divine Light, convinced him of the Truth as profeſſed by us. So, in great Humility and Reſignation of Mind, he came to ſit down amongſt us, where he found a Remnant ſeeking after the ſaving Knowledge of God, with whom he came into a religious Fellowſhip; and in true Stilneſs of Mind waited upon the Lord for the further Diſcoveries of his Will. Thus continuing in a State of humble Dependance, the divine Being, of his infinite Mercy, brought him to witneſs a better

a better State; and in proceſs of time opened his Mouth to ſet forth his Praiſe, and to preach the Goſpel, which he did with Power, as one having Authority, to the refreſhing of many Souls; wherein he approved himſelf a faithful Miniſter, and laboured in divers Parts of this Nation, where he was well received amongſt Friends. And after his Return, his Travails were to promote the Truth and good Order amongſt Friends, labouring in the Diſcipline of the Church; the Care whereof ſeemed to be very much upon him the remaining Part of his time, that it might be kept up in good Order, and in the Power of God, and that we thereby might become a Praiſe to his Name in the Earth.

He was not forward to open his Mouth in the Church, but waited to feel the Lord's Power to fill his Heart; and in the flowing of his Love he diſpenſed with Faithfulneſs, to the Refreſhment of many thirſty Souls, who were waiting for Conſolation.

His Care was great for the Children of Friends, that they might walk in the Footſteps of the Flock of Chriſt, which will bring to the Place where he feeds his People. At the laſt publick Meeting he attended, which was about a Month before his Departure, he very earneſtly beſought the Almighty to reach to our young People, and incline their Hearts to keep his Laws. He was then in an ill State of Health, which increaſing upon him, he

continued in great Reſignation of Mind to the Will of God, whether to live or to die; ſignifying to ſome of us, *That the Sight of Death was not a Terror to him.* Thus continuing in great Stilneſs, he waited for the Diſſolution of his earthly Tabernacle, till the 23d of the Eighth Month 1732, when he died; and was buried the 25th of the ſame in Friends Burying Ground at *Barton*, accompanied by his Friends and many Neighbours; where the Lord was pleaſed to appear both immediately and inſtrumentally, to the tendering of many Hearts.

A publick Preacher about Thirty Years.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Newcaſtle *upon* Tyne, *concerning* DEBORAH WARDELL.

THERE remains in our Hearts a ſhort Teſtimony to give for our dear Friend and Siſter *Deborah Wardell*, who died in the Seventieth Year of her Age. She was even like a Shock of full ripe Corn, gathered in its due Seaſon; and we doubt not but the Lord has received her Soul into the Manſions of Glory, where the Wicked ceaſe from troubling, and the Faithful are at Reſt.

Her Miniſtry was very lively; ſhe was found in Word and Doctrine, and very edifying; preaching

preaching the Coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt in his ſpiritual Appearance; frequently opening the Scriptures, and the Myſteries of Life and Salvation; with fervent Exhortations to ſerve the Lord in Righteouſneſs and true Holineſs.

Her *Chriſtianity* did ſhew itſelf greatly by her meek and peaceable Spirit. She was many times fervent in Prayer to the Lord, for the riſing Generation, that *they might come up in the Places of the Faithful who are gone before.*

In the Time of her laſt Ilneſs, which continued above three Months, ſhe oftentimes was in a very ſweet Frame of Mind, and frequently uſed to ſay, *The Thoughts of Death were no Terror to her*; but was entirely reſigned to the Will of the Lord; and often expreſſed the Hope ſhe had in her latter End.

Two Days before ſhe died, having a very ſick Fit, upon her being a little recovered of it, ſhe deſired to ſee her Children, and expreſſed herſelf to them after this manner: —*I did not think I ſhould have been alive till now. I hope it will be an happy Hour for me. I pray God bleſs you in all your Undertakings, and that he may be with you, as he has been with me, to the End of your Days.*

LANCELOT

LANCELOT WARDELL's *Testimony concerning his dear deceased Wife,* DEBORAH WARDELL, *who died the 7th of the Tenth Month* 1732.

" SHE was descended from honourable " Parents, namely, *John* and *Margaret* " *Walton* of *Bishop-Aukland*, who were early " convinced, in the Morning of the Day, " wherein Truth was published by *George Fox* " and others. They kept an open Door for " Travellers who were sent abroad in the " Service of Truth, to promote the Gospel of " our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; as, since " their Death, did most of their Children; " who are all gone to their Rest, as Shocks of " Corn gathered in due Season, of which she " was the last.

" She was a true Yokefellow, an affectionate " Wife, a tender Mother, and faithful La- " bourer in the Vineyard of the Lord; and, " where her Lot was cast, of good Service " both as to her Ministry and in Meetings of " Business; having been an approved Mother " in our spiritual *Israel*, for her Care, Conduct " and Advice.

" Some Years since, being visited with " Sickness, she ordered her Children to be " brought into her Chamber; at which time, " it was her Concern to admonish them to be

" faithful to the Lord's Requirings, that they
" might obtain a Crown of Life: In order
" thereto, ſhe ſaid her Deſire was, *That they*
" *might live in the Fear of the Lord, and keep*
" *near to his preſerving Power, that they might*
" *witneſs his Peace, when the Time of Diſſolu-*
" *tion came; which would be of more Value to*
" *them than all the World: For what would*
" *all the World ſignify to her now, if ſhe*
" *wanted that? If this be the Time of my Diſ-*
" *ſolution*, ſaid ſhe, *I am not afraid to paſs*
" *through the Vale of Death, being fully per-*
" *ſwaded it will be a Paſſage into everlaſting*
" *Light, where Sorrow and Sighing, Pains and*
" *Afflictions, ſhall be at an End; and inſtead*
" *thereof will be Joy and Rejoicing, in an un-*
" *diſturbed Reſt and Felicity, without End.*
" Adding, *if the Lord lengthen my Days, I*
" *deſire they may be devoted to his Service.*

" In the latter Part of her Life ſhe was
" attended with an *Aſthma*; yet, whilſt ſhe
" was able to attend Meetings, ſhe was very
" diligent and ſerviceable therein. And tho'
" my Loſs be very great by her Removal, yet
" being ſatisfied it is her eternal Gain, I
" earneſtly deſire I may be fully reſigned to
" the Will of the Lord therein."

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Brighouſe *in the County of* York, *concerning* JOSHUA BARBER.

OUR dear and worthy Friend *Joſhua Barber*, Son of *Samuel* and *Elizabeth Barber*, was born at *Eſholt* in the Pariſh of *Guiſely*, in the Year 1660. His Father died a Priſoner for attending the Meetings of the People called *Quakers*, before this his Son was two Years old; ſo that his Mother, who was a religious Woman of the Church of *England*, educated him in that Way; and he being brought up in the Trade of a *Smith*, about the Seventeenth Year of his Age went to *Doncaſter* to work, where, having an Inclination to go to a Meeting of Friends, he made Enquiry, if there was any in that Part of the Country? Hearing of one kept at the Houſe of *Thomas Kellam*, of *Balby*, he went twice to it, and was there reached by the Teſtimony of our Friend *Thomas Aldam*.

After that, he returned to his Mother's Houſe, not far from *Rawden*, and being informed of a great Convincement thereaway, and that *Jeremiah Grimſhaw*, his former Acquaintance, was joined with Friends, and become a publick Preacher among them, he had a Deſire to go to their Meeting, which he did the next Firſt-day after his Return

from *Doncaſter*, and was there effectually reached; divers living Teſtimonies being born by *Jeremiah Grimſhaw* and others; ſo that he went but once after that Meeting to the publick Worſhip he had been educated in, but joined with Friends of *Rawden* Meeting, amongſt whom he lived, and married a Friend's Daughter within the Compaſs thereof.

He was a Priſoner in *York* Caſtle, for Tithe, ſome time; and about three Years after he was ſet at Liberty, he removed with his Family to live at *Burley*, in the Pariſh of *Leeds*; where he became zealouſly engaged in the Cauſe of Truth amongſt Friends of *Leeds*, who were under a freſh Viſitation; although no publick Friend then belonged to the Meeting, yet many were convinced, and came to join with Friends in that Time of Silence, to the Enlargement of the Meeting conſiderably: In which Time, this our Friend's Mouth was opened in publick Teſtimony among Friends, under which Concern he had been many Years; and as he grew in the Gift, he faithfully and zealouſly laboured among Friends, both at home and abroad, travelling in the Service of Truth through *Wales* to *Briſtol*, and ſeveral long Journeys in this Nation, *Ireland*, and part of *Scotland*.

Toward the latter Part of his Time, great bodily Infirmity coming upon him, he often expreſſed his Thankfulneſs, *That he had endeavoured to diſcharge his Truſt amongſt the Churches*,

Churches, whilſt Health and Strength laſted: having been many times, and in divers Places, engaged to bear a faithful Teſtimony againſt falſe Liberty, and plainly and particularly to deal with Offenders: And alſo ſome, whoſe Miniſtry he believed proceeded not from the Renewing of Life, but were got into a Form of Preaching without the Power; unto ſuch he was a good Example in Meetings, ſteadily waiting, in deep Silence, upon the Movings of the holy Spirit, both to enable him to worſhip God, and to open Counſel, before he durſt appear by way of Miniſtry, how great ſoever the Peoples Expectation might be from him; being very careful to miniſter in the Ability that God gives; ſo that his Miniſtry was living, truly edifying, and generally well eſteemed.

He was a diligent Attender of Meetings, on Firſt-days and other Days, both for Worſhip and Diſcipline, wherein he was very ſerviceable, having a Spirit of Diſcerning beyond many; and was, as the Apoſtle ſays, *ſwift to hear, but ſlow to ſpeak*, in ſuch Meetings.

He was greatly beloved by the generality of the Meeting he belonged to, for his good Example, ſteady Walking, and impartial Judgment, even among his neareſt Friends, as well as others. When he thought there was Occaſion for Advice, he dealt in great plainneſs with all, where he was concerned, as he found his way open in the Truth, ſo that he became a

Terror to Evil-doers, though a Comfort to them who did well.

Notwithſtanding his bodily Infirmity, he diligently laboured in his Vocation ſo long as he was able, being not ſlothful in Buſineſs, but fervent in Spirit, ſerving the Lord; rejoicing in Hope, patient in Tribulation, continuing inſtant in Prayer, and much delighted in the Enjoyment of divine Goodneſs, which failed him not when he was confined to his own Houſe, the laſt four Months of his Time, by an *Aſthma* and *Dropſy*; but he would often ſay to Friends who viſited him, — *Although he had been ſometimes counted over zealous, like the good Man of old, who ſaid,* The Zeal of thy Houſe hath eaten me up; *yet he now reaped the precious Fruits of his Faithfulneſs unto his great Lord and Maſter, who ſpake Peace to his Soul, and gave him the Earneſt of everlaſting Reſt, by overſhadowing him many times with his heavenly Love, and lifting up his Mind above his great Afflictions of Body, to rejoice in his holy Name and Power.* And near his Concluſion he ſaid to a Friend preſent, — *It was his Faith, the Lord would overturn that dark Power which ſo often prevailed in the Churches, and would raiſe up many that ſhould ſtand for his Name.* We well know that his Travail of Spirit, in this reſpect, had been often very deep before the Lord, and his Mourning great for the true Seed's ſake.

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Upon taking leave of his Friends, a few Hours before his Departure, he ſaid, *It has been my Judgment a long time, and I am ſtill of the ſame Mind, that there is none can worſhip, praiſe and glorify God, but in a meaſure of his own divine Spirit.*

He departed in great Peace, Comfort and Hope in Chriſt, the 2d Day of the Eleventh Month 1732. Aged Seventy two.

An additional Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of York, *concerning* JOSHUA BARBER.

WE eſteem ourſelves under an Obligation, in gratitude to the Memory of ſo uſeful and ſerviceable an Inſtrument, to give this further Account of him, who, whilſt amongſt us, was well known and truly eſteemed, for his Service ſake, by Friends in this Quarterly-meeting, which he often attended, to our true Help and Comfort in the Work of the Lord.

Our ſincere Value for this our Friend and Brother, engages us to declare, His exemplary Life and Converſation, as well as truly zealous and faithful Labour among us, was very acceptable, as its Tendency was to the diſcouraging of all Appearance of Evil, the promoting of the Life of Righteouſneſs, and the building up of the Church in the moſt holy

Faith, that ſhe might bring forth the Fruits of the Spirit. And although he was not forward in his publick Appearance amongſt Friends, yet the weighty Travail of Spirit before the Lord, which was much upon him, was truly helpful to us, and comfortable to remember; ſo that though he be removed from us, his Life and Labour yet ſpeak, and the Remembrance thereof is precious.

He was found in Judgment; ſteady in a true and fervent Zeal againſt corrupt Liberty in Converſation; as alſo for promoting a ſteady Faithfulneſs amongſt all Friends in the ſeveral Branches of our Teſtimony, and particularly that againſt Tithes; being well aſſured, that ſo doing is one way whereby we are called to confeſs Jeſus Chriſt before Men. He was alſo frequently under a weighty Care and Concern of Mind, for the Preſervation of a truly living Miniſtry in the Church; and that the Spirit, Will and Wiſdom of Man, might be always in due Subjection unto the Power of God, ſo that God in all Things might be glorified. And as thus he lived and laboured, to the Comfort and Edification of the Upright-hearted among us; ſo he died in Faith and full Aſſurance of Peace, the Reward of the Faithful: An Evidence whereof he has in a lively manner left behind him, which induces us to give this brief Account, in order that it may excite others to labour to ſucceed him in ſo religious and good a Conduct amongſt

Mankind

Mankind in general ; and to recommend ſuch his religious Life and Labour for the Good and Welfare of the Church of Chriſt, and the Exaltation of the Glory and Renown of the Lord, our moſt gracious God, who alone is worthy for ever.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting held at Wigton, *for the County of* Cumberland, *concerning* SARAH DIXON.

SHE was the eldeſt Daughter of our Friends *John* and *Anne Wilſon* of *Graythwait*, and educated in the Way of Truth ; ſober from a Child ; dutiful to her Parents, and a good Example in the Family.

It pleaſed the Lord to viſit her often, in her young and tender Years, with his Heart-melting Love ; and though ſome Hinderances prevailed for a while, yet, about the Twentieth Year of her Age, ſhe joined with the Viſitation, and became truly religious, heartily ſeeking after Peace with God. A few Years after, ſhe came forth in publick Teſtimony, to the Satisfaction of Friends ; and divers times viſited the Churches in this County, and other adjacent Counties ; and, we believe, had good Service, according to that Gift beſtowed upon her. And though ſhe was not large in Teſtimony, yet her Doctrine was watering,

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ſweet and ſound, to the tendering the Hearts of thoſe who ſat under her Miniſtry, which evidently ſprung from the right Fountain.

About the Thirtieth Year of her Age, ſhe was married to our worthy Friend *William Dixon*, of *Lowſewater* in the ſaid County; and after that, ſhe viſited Friends in ſome neighbouring Counties. When at home, ſhe was diligent in attending Meetings; earneſt and careful for the Maintenance of Diſcipline and good Order in the Church; and that Elders, and thoſe engaged therein, might ſtand faſt in, and keep cloſe to, the Teſtimony of Truth. She was a dutiful, affectionate Wife; grave and ſober in her Converſation; a loving, kind Neighbour to Poor and Rich; and the Loſs of her is lamented by many, ſhe being univerſally beloved by Friends and others. Her Houſe and Heart were open to entertain Friends.

She was taken with a lingering Ilneſs, like a *Conſumption*, which continued upon her above half a Year; and though ſhe was afflicted with ſharp Pains at times, ſhe bore them with great Patience; often ſaying, *I am fully reſigned to the Will of the Lord, and dare not deſire to know, whether Life or Death; however, I am perfectly eaſy.* And a few Days before her Death, being ſenſible her Time was far ſpent, ſhe deſired ſome Friends, who came to viſit her, *To ſtand faſt by the Teſtimony of Truth*; with divers other weighty Expreſſions,

which

which we omit for Brevity's ſake. At another time ſhe ſaid, *Though I have had ſome poor low Times in my Ilneſs, now I have ſweet Times.* And her Huſband ſitting by her, ſhe was drawn forth in a living Frame of Spirit, and gave good Advice to him; alſo ſaying, *I never had ſo much of divine Comfort in all my Life as I now enjoy.* She lay ſtill and quiet, and departed this Life like a Lamb, without either Sigh or Groan, on the 11th Day of the Seventh Month 1733, and was decently buried the 13th of the ſame, in Friends Burying Ground in *Eaglesfield*, her Corps being accompanied by a great many Friends and others, and divers living Teſtimonies born to the Truth.

Aged near Thirty three, a Miniſter about Ten Years.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Wigton, *concerning* WILLIAM DIXON.

HE was deſcended from believing Parents, and educated in the Way of Truth; a Member of *Pardſhaw* Meeting in the County of *Cumberland*, and his Reſidence was at *Water-end* in *Lowſewater*.

It pleaſed the Lord to viſit him early in his tender Age, whereby he became acquainted with his Teaching, and freely gave up to follow the Leadings thereof, which was apparent by the viſible Progreſs he made.

About

About the Twenty firſt or Twenty ſecond Year of his Age, he came forth in publick Teſtimony; and, as he was faithful to that Gift beſtowed upon him, he grew and became very ſerviceable amongſt us. He travelled pretty much, in his early coming forth, into moſt of our adjacent Counties; as alſo into *Cornwall* and other Weſtern Counties; and we are ſatisfied had good Service.

He was of a weak Conſtitution of Body. His Doctrine was ſound and watering, which did often drop as the Dew, and diſtil as the ſmall Rain, upon the tender Plants. Rather backward in Appearance; but in his Miniſtry attended with a Spring of Life and Sweetneſs: Not with the enticing Words of Man's Wiſdom, but in the Demonſtration of the Spirit; often ſpeaking of the Joys of Heaven. He was very fervent in his Approaches in Prayer, and teſtified his full Aſſurance and ſtedfaſt Faith, *of the Lord's Arm being ſtretched forth to gather the Nations*; ſupplicating the Lord, *That he might die in the Faith thereof, if he never lived to ſee it*; craving of him, in that Earneſt of Faith, *That he might ſpread his Goſpel from Nation to Nation, and from Iſland to Iſland.*

About the Thirtieth Year of his Age, he was married to the eldeſt Daughter of our Friend *John Wilſon*, of *Graythwait*. He was a kind and loving Huſband; free and open hearted to entertain Friends: And, being often

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weak in Body, he did not travel much abroad afterwards ; yet was diligent in attending Meetings at home, as alſo neighbouring Meetings, when Ability of Body permitted ; and amongſt other People he had good Service, and grew brighter, ſo long as he was able to appear abroad.

About the Thirty ſixth Year of his Age he fell into a Decline, which continued upon him near three Quarters of a Year, and at length proved mortal ; during which time, his dear Wife lay on her Death-bed, and was taken away about half a Year before him. He ſome time afterwards came to Meetings, and did appear in Teſtimony ; though his Voice was much weakened, yet he was as ſtrong as ever in the Power of Truth.

In the time of his Ilneſs ſeveral ſweet Expreſſions dropt from him : He ſaid to a Friend who ſat by him, *I am entirely eaſy ; and though I have had the Loſs of a good Wife, I do not fret myſelf ; — am ſatisfied when this poor Body goes to Duſt, there is a Place of Reſt prepared for my Soul ; and I am thankful I have nothing to do but die ; though ſome Places have been before me to have viſited, if I had Strength of Body, but I believe the Will ſhall be taken for the Deed ; for I never delayed Time when I had Ability. Oh ! it is good to make Uſe of Time. I rejoice that I die in Unity with my Friends, and that the Lord is now near me.* He ſpoke this with a weak Voice, but very affectingly, being

being much broken. Another time he ſaid to a Friend who bore him Company, *That the glorious Light of the Lord ſhined over him, and his Goodneſs was to him; and he had nothing in his Heart but Goodwill to all.*

He departed this Life, in good Unity with Friends, the 24th Day of the Firſt Month 1734, and was decently interred the 27th of the ſame, in Friends Burying Ground at *Eaglesfield*. Aged near Thirty ſeven, a Miniſter about Fifteen Years.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Wigton, *concerning* BRIDGET STORY.

BRIDGET STORY, Wife of *Chriſtopher Story*, of *Riggbead* in the County of *Cumberland*, was convinced of the bleſſed Truth about the Twentieth Year of her Age, and, according to the Manifeſtation given her, became a faithful Follower thereof. She was of a good Converſation among her Neighbours; a Pattern of Humility, Self-denial, Plainneſs and Circumſpection, in her own Family; and often concerned in that univerſal Love, which did abound in her Soul, to adviſe her Children, as they grew up to Maturity, and others under her Care, to keep in God's holy Fear, and walk in the Footſteps of the Faithful who were gone before.

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She was called into the Work of the Miniſtry ſome Years after her Convincement, and, according to her Capacity, laboured faithfully in the Diſcharge of her Duty therein; frequently appearing in publick Teſtimony in the Meeting ſhe belonged to; not with inticing Words of Mens Wiſdom, but in the Zeal and Simplicity of the Goſpel; and was very fervent in Supplication to the Almighty; both which, did often tend to the Edification and Refreſhment of the Living. She was of an undaunted Spirit, and noble Diſpoſition of Mind, not regarding the Frowns of Men, in any Caſe wherein ſhe believed the Teſtimony of Truth was concerned. Diligent and very exemplary in attending Meetings of Worſhip and Diſcipline; zealous for promoting and maintaining good Order in the Church; and, in particular, concerned for the inward Growth and Preſervation of the riſing Generation, that all Superfluity of Naughtineſs might be avoided, and Decency and Plainneſs kept to, which becomes the Followers of Jeſus; ſo that it may be truly ſaid, *She was a nurſing Mother in* Iſrael *indeed.*

She was alſo concerned, in the Love of Truth, at divers times to viſit the Meetings of Friends in this and other Counties adjacent; alſo the Churches in *Scotland* and *Ireland*; and we have ground to believe ſhe had good Reception among the Faithful, whereſoever her Lot was caſt.

And

And though ſhe was confined at home, in her declining Age, through the Decay of Nature, yet ſhe retained her Integrity, and continued in great Innocency and Simplicity, to the Comfort of thoſe who came to viſit her, and finiſhed her Courſe in this World, in a living Frame of Spirit, and in great Tranquility, the 21ſt of the Second Month 1733, in the Eighty ſecond Year of her Age. A Miniſter Thirty Years.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Ayleſbury *in the County of* Bucks, *concerning* MARY BAKER.

WE do not find any particular Account to communicate, of her firſt Convincement; thoſe ancient Friends, who were her Contemporaries, being long ſince removed; but we have ſufficient Cauſe to believe, ſhe received the Truth while young, in the Love of it, and in an honeſt Heart; the Seed which was ſown bringing forth Fruit to the Lord, who was graciouſly pleaſed to endow her with divers excellent Qualifications.

For many Years laſt paſt, ſome of us were well acquainted with her, and from a ſenſe of her honeſt and innocent Life, we find ourſelves engaged to give this brief Teſtimony concerning her.

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That ſhe was an inward and heavenly-minded Woman, and from her own Experience of the Virtue of Truth, ſhe was often drawn forth in a living Teſtimony thereto; exhorting to a diligent Exerciſe and Travail of Spirit after the true Enjoyment of Life; in which Services ſhe was many times made an Inſtrument of Edification and Comfort to the Faithful, as well as of Admonition and Reproof to the Negligent and Diſobedient.

She was zealouſly concerned for good Order and Diſcipline in the Church in general, and particularly in our Womens-meeting, bearing the chief Weight of the Affairs thereof for many Years; which ſhe diligently attended ſo long as ſhe was of Ability. Her Labour and Service in the Church, both perſonally and by her outward Subſtance, and her exemplary Converſation, in Humility, Temperance and Self-denial, has left a ſweet Memorial of her. She was courteous, kind, and religious in her Deportment to her Neighbours, frequently adminiſtring to the Help of the Neceſſitous. She was honourable in her Profeſſion, and obtained a good Report in general.

The ſweet Frame of Spirit and Peace of Mind, which, with great Comfort, ſeveral of us beheld her in, upon a Viſit a few Days before her Departure, gives us good Cauſe to believe ſhe died in the Lord, and is entered into everlaſting Reſt.

She departed this Life the 12th Day of the Ninth Month 1734, and was decently interred in Friends Burying Ground at *Jordans* the 16th following. In the Eighty ſixth Year of her Age.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Falmouth, *concerning* THOMAS GIDDY.

IT pleaſed the Lord to open his Underſtanding, and favour him with the Knowledge of his bleſſed Truth, in his early Years, beſtowing on him a Gift of the Miniſtry, and enduing him with the Spirit of true Government in the Church of Chriſt, for divers Years before many of us can remember; and we have been ſo ſenſibly reached by that Power which attended his Miniſtry, and Concern for maintaining the Diſcipline of Truth, ſince we knew him, that we cannot wholly paſs it over in ſilence.

His Habitation being within the Compaſs of this Meeting, we were frequently favoured with acceptable Viſits from him, as well as at Meetings of Buſineſs, of which he was a due Attender, when at home and able; and the Lord was pleaſed to make him a ſerviceable Inſtrument amongſt us, and a Strengthener of thoſe who were right minded, who had the Honour of God at Heart; he being, though zealous for the Maintenance of every Branch

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of Truth's Teſtimony, ready to ſympathize with the Weak, and cheriſh the leaſt Appearance of Tenderneſs. His Houſe, as well as his Heart, was open to receive the Servants of the Lord; his exemplary Care and Induſtry in temporal Affairs being bleſſed with Succeſs.

He preached the Goſpel freely, and was frequently concerned, in the Diſcharge of his Duty, to ſpeak in plainneſs to Particulars, where Occaſion required; and we have reaſon to believe his Advice ſo given, oftentimes reached the living Witneſs, and proved of good Service.

Some conſiderable time before his Deceaſe, he laboured under many and great bodily Infirmities, by which his Memory and Underſtanding, in outward Things, were much impaired; yet, as one who had made Heaven his Choice, he was concerned and enabled, in ſundry Meetings, to bear his Teſtimony for God.

Towards the Concluſion of the laſt Quarterly-meeting, ſave one, he was at in this County, after having undergone pretty much Exerciſe, he exhorted Friends *to maintain their antient Teſtimony againſt all Wars and Fightings*; being apprehenſive we might be affected by an ACT then on foot for regulating the *Militia*.

Some time after this he went to the Yearly-meeting at *London*, and was comforted in his Journey; and notwithſtanding his great

Weakneſs of Body, returned in Safety to his Habitation.

The next Quarterly-meeting, after his Return, was at *Penzance*, where he went, and gave an agreeable Account of his Journey to *London*, and the Meeting there; and was zealouſly concerned to adviſe Friends *to a faithful Diſcharge of their Teſtimony againſt Tithes.*

The Farewel-meeting next Day at *Marazion*, was the laſt that any of us were at with him; in which, the good Preſence of God eminently overſhadowed our Aſſembly, to the tendering many Hearts, and his Life, like Oil, flowed over all. At the Concluſion of which we parted in much Love, he returning to *Penzance*, to be clear of that Meeting; and at the finiſhing of his Teſtimony in a Weekday-meeting there, was ſeized with violent Convulſions, which it was feared would have carried him off immediately; however it proved otherwiſe: But he lay under great Weakneſs and Affliction of Body about three Weeks, and then finiſhed his Courſe the 6th Day of the Ninth Month 1734.

He was very ſenſible during his laſt Ilneſs, and appeared perfectly reſigned to the Will of God; expreſſing very emphatically his Satisfaction, *that there was a Reward in Store for the Righteous.* Aged about Seventy three, Convinced Fifty two, a Miniſter about Forty Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Horſlydown *in* Southwark, *concerning* FRANCIS DAVIS.

HE was born the 29th of the Fourth Month 1684, deſcended from religious Parents, and early diſcovered an Inclination to Virtue. He was exemplary in his Converſation; a diligent Searcher of the holy Scriptures, by means of which, being improved by the lively Influences of the Spirit of God, he became well qualified to defend the Doctrines of the Goſpel.

About the Year 1701, he was called to the Miniſtry, and viſited the Meetings of Friends in divers Parts of this Kingdom, ſeveral times in *Holland*, and Part of *Germany*; in which Station he was ſerviceable to the Church of Chriſt. He acquitted himſelf as one well inſtructed to the Kingdom, and was eſteemed and accepted as an able and faithful Labourer in the *Chriſtian* Vineyard.

He was taken ill the latter end of the Seventh Month 1734, and though in great Weakneſs and Affliction, yet that Meekneſs which attended him, beſpake the Reſignation of his Mind to the Will of God. His laſt Expreſſions were, *Thou Preſerver of all thoſe that put their Truſt in thee: Saviour! Saviour! O, bleſſed be thy Name.*

He departed this Life the 25th of the Eighth Month 1734, and was buried the 30th of the ſame, in Friends Burying Ground in *Long-lane*. In the Fifty firſt Year of his Age. A Miniſter about Thirty three Years.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Kendal, *in the County of* Weſtmorland, *concerning* WILLIAM BECK.

OUR antient and well beloved Friend *William Beck*, was born in the Year 1641, near *Hawkſhead* in *Lancaſhire*; deſcended of honeſt and religious Parents, who were convinced of the bleſſed Truth, in or about the Year 1652, by the Miniſtry of that faithful Servant of Chriſt *Edward Burrough*.

His Father died when he was about Fourteen Years of Age; after which, he lived with his Mother, and learned his Father's Trade, which was that of a *Skinner* and *Glover*; and though their Circumſtances in the World were but ſmall, yet, being careful and induſtrious, they lived comfortably, till he entered into Trade for himſelf, which was when he was about Twenty Years of Age. He was religiouſly inclined, and it pleaſed the Lord to proſper him in his Buſineſs, and to give him Credit with thoſe he dealt with, being conſcientiouſly concerned to perform his Words and Contracts punctually.

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After ſome time, it pleaſed the Lord to beſtow upon him a Gift of the Miniſtry, in which he faithfully laboured, according to the Ability received; he was a diligent Attender of Meetings, rightly concerned for the Promotion of Truth and Righteouſneſs in the Earth, and for the Preſervation of Love and Unity amongſt Friends. He was faithful and ſtedfaſt in his Teſtimony againſt Tithes, ſuffering joyfully the Spoiling of his Goods; and an Encourager of all, who made Profeſſion of the Truth, to Faithfulneſs therein, and to Diligence in attending their Meetings, even in the hotteſt Times of Perſecution; and he ſuffered deeply on that Account, his Circumſtance conſidered. His Converſation being peaceable and inoffenſive, he was well beloved. His Teſtimony was not with Eloquence of Speech, yet living and edifying to the Hearers. He was ready to do Good to all, and more eſpecially to the Houſhold of Faith; and as he loved Peace, ſo he laboured fervently to prevent Strife and Contention. Sound in Judgment; and his Converſation adorned his Doctrine. He lived to old Age, and retained his Integrity, Memory, Underſtanding, Love and Zeal for Truth and Righteouſneſs, to the laſt; and would often, after he had loſt his Sight, commemorate and ſpeak of the many Favours, Preſervations, Bleſſings and kind Dealings of the Lord to him, through the whole Courſe of his Life. He bore a living and faithful

Teſtimony in Meetings to the Goodneſs of God, and the Encouragement of Friends to truſt in him, wait upon him, and to be faithful in their Teſtimony, careful in their Converſation, and true and ſincere in their Love to him; and that then he would abundantly bleſs them every way, and proſper his Work in the Earth.

He was a good Example in his Family, a loving Huſband, a tender Father, a kind Neighbour, and one who ſought the Good of all Men. And though his Strength gradually declined through old Age, of which he was ſenſible, yet he continued in a ſweet Frame of Mind, often ſignifying *his Reſignation to the Will of the Lord*; and that it was a great Satisfaction to him, *that he had anſwered the Lord's Requirings, and done his Day's Work faithfully*, and had therein *great Peace and Aſſurance of his future Well-being*; and was like a Shock of Corn fully ripe, when he departed this Life the 19th of the Third Month 1734, and was buried on the 22d of the ſame, in Friends Burying Ground at *Colthouſe*. Aged near Ninety three Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Norfolk, *concerning* JOHN EVERARD.

OUR worthy Friend and Elder *John Everard*, was born at *Putham-Mary-Magdalen* in this County, in the Time of the Civil War, but we cannot be certain in what Year, there being at that time a Defect in the Pariſh Regiſter. His Parents were poor, but of a ſober religious Character, his Mother being by Profeſſion a *Puritan*.

He was convinced by the Teſtimony of our Friend *Richard Hubberthorn*, and became a publick Preacher among us before he was Twenty Years of Age; in which Capacity he frequently viſited divers Parts of this Kingdom, and once the Nation of *Ireland*, as Companion to our worthy and much eſteemed Friend *William Penn*. A Bleſſing attended his Labours, for great Numbers were convinced by him; ſome of them are ſtill living, to whom his Memory is very precious. He was not without great and trying Exerciſes, and from ſome who were nearly related to him: But in theſe times he was mercifully preſerved, to the great Comfort of himſelf, and Satisfaction of his Brethren.

We think we may ſafely ſay of him, that he was a ſound, edifying Miniſter, an exemplary Elder,

Elder, a faithful and affectionate Friend, and one who through a conſtant and careful Walking before God, witneſſed a Victory over his laſt Enemy, which was Death; for he beheld its Approaches with that Comfort and Satisfaction, which can only poſſeſs the Minds of good Men.

He died at *Wandſworth* in the County of *Surry*. Aged near Ninety, a Miniſter above Sixty Years.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Suſſex, *concerning* SUSANNA MARTIN, *Wife of* BENEDICT MARTIN, *of* Hunt's Green.

WE have this to ſay concerning her; ſhe was born in our County, deſcended of honeſt religious Parents, who ſtrictly educated her in the Profeſſion of Truth, and their Care of her was crowned with Succeſs, for ſhe was religiouſly inclined from her Youth; and it pleaſed the Lord to commit to her Truſt a Gift of the Miniſtry, about the Twenty third Year of her Age.

She was a faithful Labourer, being a ſerious, weighty concerned Woman in her Spirit, and underwent deep Exerciſes. A true Mourner in *Sion*; had the Gift of Diſcerning; ſo that ſhe often ſpoke ſuitable to the States of thoſe to whom ſhe miniſtered. She travelled to viſit

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Friends through the greateſt Part of this Nation, and *North Britain*, divers times, to the Edification of the Churches, being well received by Friends in general.

She was zealouſly concerned, that the Diſcipline of the Church might be maintained, in its ſeveral Branches; often, in the Spirit of Love and Tenderneſs, admoniſhed and reproved the Unfaithful; deſirous that the Poor might be relieved, according to their Neceſſities, eſpecially ſuch as were worthy; and generally kind and aſſiſting, out of her own Bounty, to the Poor of all ſorts. She was much concerned for the Unity of the Church, that her Members might be preſerved in the Bond of Peace; and alſo for the ſpreading of the Goſpel of Peace. She had a ſolid, ſavoury Teſtimony for the Truth, and was faithful and diligent in it; yet not forward in miniſtring, but waited upon the Lord until ſhe did believe a Neceſſity was upon her.

She gave much good and ſeaſonable Advice to her Children, in the time of her Health, with many Tears and Prayers to the Almighty for them, *that they might grow up in his Fear, and follow the Footſteps of the Faithful, and do their Day's Work in the Day time, that the Bleſſing of God might be their Portion here and eternally.*

She was an affectionate Wife, a real Sympathizer with her Huſband in Affliction, a tender Mother, and a good Neighbour; ſo that the Loſs

Loſs of her is generally lamented by thoſe who knew her: Yet we do not ſorrow as thoſe who have no Hope, being ſenſible ſhe continued faithful to the laſt; and though ſuddenly ſurprized with Death, yet ſhe was prepared for it.

She died in the Lord, and laid down her Head in Peace, the 29th Day of the Twelfth Month 1735. Aged Sixty three.

The following Account, wrote by Suſanna Martin, *after her laſt Journey on a Viſit to Friends, is thought proper to be ſubjoined to the foregoing Teſtimony*, viz.

" — From *Windſor* I came to *Stains*, " *Samuel Hopwood* being there. We had a " Meeting, which was the laſt I had before I " came home, and a very good time we had. " The ſeaſoning Word of Life was witneſſed, " and the Hearts of many were melted before " the Lord; and that Peace, which paſſeth " the Underſtanding of the natural Man, was " known as a ſweet Return into my Boſom; " for ever magnified be the Name of the " Moſt High!

" Thence I came to *Rygate*, lodged at " Brother *Thompſon*'s; and thence home in " great Peace. Oh! the matchleſs Love of " our God! who can declare it? He did not " only draw me by the Cords of his Love, to " viſit his Seed in the Hearts of the Children

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" of Men, but he was alſo Mouth and Wiſ-
" dom, as well as Riches in Poverty, Strength
" in the greateſt Weakneſs, and a Brook by
" the Way, of which my weary Soul often
" partook; and I praiſe his moſt worthy
" Name, in that he had counted me worthy
" to be ſeparated, from what was near and
" dear to me, for the Goſpel ſake, and to ſerve,
" follow and obey him in his Requirings.

" And though he led me ſometimes through
" many Tribulations, and my Soul down into
" the Deeps; yet he did not leave me there,
" but his own Arm wrought Salvation and
" Deliverance to me; ſo that I was ſtill en-
" couraged to follow him who is the Captain
" of our Salvation, who puts forth his Sheep,
" goes before them, and they hear his Voice
" and follow him. May his Love encourage
" many Thouſands more to follow him faith-
" fully, that they may come to know him,
" who is the Lord of Life and Glory, to be
" their Shepherd and the Biſhop of their Souls,
" is my hearty Deſire and Prayer to God for
" them; that in Bleſſing he might bleſs them,
" and in multiplying he might multiply his
" Mercies upon them: For I can ſay, it is
" good to ſerve the Lord, and to give up the
" Strength of our Days to honour him with
" it, who hath given it unto us. And, having
" taſted and felt how good the Lord is to
" them who are given up to follow him,
" I have wrote theſe few Lines for the

" Encouragement

" Encouragement of thoſe whom I may leave
" behind, when I may be in the ſilent Grave,
" that they may be given up to ſerve the Lord
" in their Day, and may be willing to go
" through Tribulations for the Goſpel ſake;
" knowing this, That great will be their Re-
" ward in Heaven, if faithful to the End;
" for it is the Willing and Obedient, who
" eat the Good of the Land that flows with
" Wine, Milk and Honey; the Sweetneſs of
" which, my Soul hath been a living Partaker
" of ſince my Return. Magnified be the
" right Arm of his Power, by which he hath
" upheld my Spirit to this Day, and hath
" been as a ſtrong Tower, in which there has
" been Safety for all the tribulated Followers
" of him. Thankſgiving and Glory ſhall be
" aſcribed to him for ever."

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of York; *concerning* MARY ELLERTON.

OUR dear Friend, *Mary Ellerton*, came forth in a publick Teſtimony when young in Years, and travelled much in the Service of Truth. She was an able Miniſter of the Goſpel of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, by whom ſhe was endowed with Power from on high, which made her Miniſtry powerful and edifying, and very comfortable to us here, and alſo to the Churches abroad, wherein ſhe laboured faithfully; having many times travelled in Truth's Service through her native Country of *England*, viſiting the Churches there; alſo *Scotland* and *Ireland*; divers Parts of the Plantations in *America*; and *Holland*.

She departed this Life, in the City of *York*, in a good old Age, well eſteemed; but having many Afflictions of Body to ſtruggle with, made her deſire, if it pleaſed the Lord, *ſhe might be freed from them and be diſſolved*; which he was graciouſly pleaſed to anſwer in his own due time; and we believe ſhe died in the Life and Power of divine Faith, and is now gone to that Reſt which is glorious.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from Friends of the Province of Ulſter *in* Ireland, *concerning* WILLIAM GRAY.

AS there are ſome ſtill living amongſt us, who remember this our dear Friend from his Youth, and knew him then to have been of a ſober Life and Converſation, and one who had a Regard to the Fear and Grace of God in his Heart; ſo there are many more of a younger Generation, who do know and very well remember his Services in the Church, for upwards of Thirty Years paſt.

And therefore, in Teſtimony to the good Spirit and Grace of God, which qualified him for thoſe Services, wherein he afterwards became eminently ſerviceable; as well as for the ſtirring up and encouraging others to come up in Faithfulneſs, we find a Concern in our Minds to ſay ſomething concerning him, both as to thoſe Qualifications with which he was endued, and alſo as to his Service in the Church.

He was plain and exemplary, of a grave and ſolid Deportment, had a ready Utterance, and of a ſound diſcerning Judgment, and had a clear and ready Underſtanding in difficult Caſes; by which Qualifications he was enabled, not only to be very helpful in compoſing Differences, and ſpeaking to Things he obſerved

obſerved amiſs; but alſo having acquainted himſelf with the Rules and Order of Friends, could ſpeak pertinently and clearly in our Meetings of Buſineſs; and being invited by Friends of the *Select Meeting*, to join with them in that Service, he was cautious in accepting thereof, doubting his own Qualifications; but being afraid to reject the Love and Goodwill of Friends to him, for his Growth and Perſeverance in the bleſſed Truth, he accepted of Friends Invitation, and became a Member of that Meeting; in which he behaved himſelf with much Submiſſion, Care and Preference to elder Friends. And as it pleaſed the Lord to call his fellow Elders to Reſt and Peace with him, the Concern came more weighty upon this our Friend, which he faithfully diſcharged to the laſt; ſeldom omitting, in Meetings for Buſineſs, to adviſe Friends to Faithfulneſs, Care and Circumſpection, in an orderly Converſation; and that all might come up in their reſpective Services, and in duly attending Meetings for Worſhip, both Firſt-days and other Days; in which he was a good Example; and that they might be truly concerned therein to wait upon the Lord, to know their Strength renewed in him, that ſo they might come to lay down their Heads in Peace, whenever it ſhould pleaſe the Lord to call them hence.

Towards the latter Part of his Time, he was concerned to bear a publick Teſtimony in

Meetings, though in a Croſs to his own Will, tenderly exhorting Friends to give all Diligence to make their Calling and Election ſure; to witneſs which, would out-ballance all that this World can afford; and not barely to ſatisfy themſelves with coming to Meetings, but to wait for that Bread which nouriſheth the Soul up unto eternal Life.

His Houſe was always open for Friends, who were received with much Freedom, Love and Care, and he loved the Company of honeſt, faithful Friends, both Miniſters and others.

More might be ſaid concerning him, but we are not willing to enlarge; yet we may ſay, he was an honeſt Man, a good Friend and Neighbour, a loving Huſband, a kind Father, and one who was very helpful, both to poor Friends and others who were in want.

He took his laſt Ilneſs coming from the Third Month's Half-year's Meeting in *Dublin*, and was only in one Meeting afterwards. And though his Pain at times was violent, he endured it with much Patience and Reſignation of Mind, and quietly departed this Life the 20th Day of the Fourth Month 1736.

Aged about Seventy four. A Miniſter about Six Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Nottingham, *concerning* JOSEPH MOSELEY.

HE was born at *Appleby*, in the County of *Derby*, in the Year 1677, and was educated in the Way of the Church of *England*. About the Twenty third Year of his Age, it pleaſed the Lord ſo to influence his Underſtanding, as to ſhew him his undone State by Nature; and he was ſo wrought upon, that from that Time he was deſirous of ſerving the Lord in Newneſs of Life. A little after, he joined himſelf to thoſe People called *Preſbyterians*; but not finding that Pearl of great Price, which his Soul longed for, he retired from them, not joining with any Profeſſion until about the Year 1707, and the Thirtieth Year of his Age, when he was convinced of the bleſſed Truth, at a Meeting at *Hart's-hill* in *Warwickſhire*.

About two Years after his Convincement, it pleaſed the Lord to call him to the Work of the Miniſtry; in which he was a faithful and ſerviceable Labourer, to the comforting and refreſhing of the Honeſt-hearted. He was not only of ſingular Service in publick Miniſtry, but likewiſe in private Converſation, generally giving good and wholſome Advice to thoſe who ſtood in need of it. He was naturally of

a ſweet and chearful Diſpoſition, yet innocent; which made him acceptable to moſt Sorts of People. He lived at *Appleby*, the Place of his Nativity, until the Year 1736, and then found Freedom to come to live at *Nottingham*: And as he was of great Benefit to the Meetings to which he belonged, when he lived at *Appleby*, ſo was he of like Service whilſt he lived amongſt us, which though but a ſhort time, yet we can truly ſay, we have a great Loſs of him.

His laſt Ilneſs, which was a *Fever*, he bore with much Patience, being totally reſigned to the Will of the Almighty. On the Day of his Death, being the Firſt-day of the Week, ſeveral Friends being preſent, he appeared in Teſtimony, which tendered them very much. About half an Hour before his Departure, he prayed earneſtly to the Lord, which he continued to do until near his Diſſolution, and went away like a Lamb, being the 18th of the Eighth Month 1736. In the Fifty ninth Year of his Age. A Miniſter of the Goſpel about Twenty ſeven Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Mens-meeting of Briſtol, *concerning* ALEXANDER ARSCOTT.

IT having pleaſed Divine Providence to remove from us our worthy and valuable Friend *Alexander Arſcott*, we have the following Teſtimony to give concerning him.

His Life and Converſation was agreeable to the holy Principle he made Profeſſion of; his Miniſtry gave Evidence of its Purity, being accompanied with divine Wiſdom, Power and Life: And we hope thoſe Writings he has left, will prove ſerviceable to many, both in the preſent and ſucceeding Generations.

His Delight was in doing Good to all Men, and in a particular and eſpecial manner, he was careful to promote Love and Unity amongſt thoſe in Profeſſion with us. Much of his Time was ſpent in ſerving his Friends and Neighbours, of which the Widow and the Fatherleſs, and ſuch as laboured under Difficulties in Body or Mind, had a large Share; and to thoſe who wanted Food or Raiment, he not only generouſly contributed himſelf, but encouraged others to do the ſame.

His Labour was accompanied with tender Love and cloſe Sympathy, with the Sick and Diſconſolate, which frequently had the deſired Effect, in relieving the Afflicted. He was

often applied to by many labouring under Difficulties, to whom he had been a true Friend in time of Need.

He departed this Life the 30th of the First Month 1737, in the Sixty first Year of his Age; whose Memory remains with a good Savour to those who were acquainted with him.

A Testimony from the Monthly-meeting of Settle, *in the County of* York, *concerning* JOHN BATTERSBIE.

OUR dear and antient Friend, *John Battersbie*, of *Lower Aegden*, in the Parish of *Gisburne* and County of *York*, was born, so far as can be gathered from the best Account, in the Year 1652, and was by his Parents educated in the Way of the Church of *England*, they being of that Profession; and very zealous in that Way, for a time, until some Doubts arose in his Mind, *whether it was agreeable to the Doctrines and Precepts laid down in the holy Scriptures*: And being more and more led to consider thereof, grew uneasy with the Profession he was in. He read much, and was very desirous to find out what he chiefly wanted, *viz.* inward Peace; which he continuing to seek after, went to a Meeting of the People called *Quakers*; although he had entertained

tained a very mean Opinion of that People, and taken them for an ignorant, new Sect; and like the Sect of the *Nazareens*, ſpoken againſt every where, *Acts* xxviii. 22. *Alexander Parker* was at that Meeting, and his Teſtimony was very much to his Condition; which made him wonder how it could be ſo, ſeeing he had no outward Knowledge of the State that he was in: By which ſaid Teſtimony he was ſo reached and broken, as he never had been by the Miniſtry of any Man.

Soon after, he came to be throughly convinced, which was in the Years 1682 or 1683, being near the Thirty firſt Year of his Age; and in about a Year after, his Mouth was opened in a publick Teſtimony, in which he grew; ſo that in a ſhort time he became a very able Miniſter of the Goſpel of Chriſt.

At a certain Time, he had a Neceſſity upon him to go into the Steeple-houſe which he had before frequented; and going quietly towards the Place where he uſed to ſit, having his Hat on, the Prieſt of the Place, whoſe Name was *John Miers*, being preaching when he went in, left off, and, with a loud Voice, bid *Take that Fellow away*; but none being forward to do it, he called a ſecond and a third time, *Take that Fellow away.* In the Interim our Friend ſpake as followeth: John, *if thou haſt a divine Commiſſion to preach, go on, I do not interrupt thee.* At length ſome who were there did take him away. And although he neither

moleſted the Prieſt, nor the Congregation, more than is aforeſaid, yet notwithſtanding, the Prieſt proſecuted him, and uſed Means to get him impriſoned; and accordingly he was had to *York* Caſtle, where he continued upwards of two Years, ſave that he had Liberty to go home at times. The ſaid Prieſt was ſo malicious and inveterate, that he appeared at the Aſſize, and endeavoured to incenſe the Judge againſt him; which the Judge obſerving, rebuked the Prieſt, aſking him, *If he would have the Man's Life?*

After he was releaſed from his Impriſonment, he laboured much in the Work of the Miniſtry, in the Meeeting to which he belonged, and Parts adjacent; his Teſtimony being large, plain and convincing, he often had good Service on publick Occaſions, *viz.* Marriages, Burials, and alſo at ſuch Meetings as were appointed for the ſake of other People, where Meetings were not commonly held: His Miniſtry being acceptable to them, ſome were thereby convinced of the Truth he bore Teſtimony to, and came to make publick Profeſſion thereof.

He was very induſtrious in his outward Calling and Buſineſs, being *Huſbandry*; ſo that, although he had a Wife and eleven Children, who all lived till they came to Men and Women's Eſtate, beſides ſome who died in their Infancy, and had no great Subſtance to begin the World with, yet notwithſtanding,

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he lived very reputably, being always careful to make due and punctual Payments of what Money he owed on any Account.

He had a watchful Eye over his Children for their Good, and ſpared not to rebuke and correct them, when he ſaw a Neceſſity for it; and we believe his Care on that Account was not in vain; they, moſt of them, having been orderly in their Conduct hitherto. He was likewiſe a ſharp Reprover of ſuch, as by their looſe Conduct gave Occaſion for the Truth to be evil ſpoken of; being moved thereto by a godly and *Chriſtian* Zeal for the Honour of it, and the Welfare of their Souls: But was always very tender towards, and ready to encourage, the Well-minded.

He was a very conſtant Attender of Meetings on Firſt-day and other Days; not omitting any, except Indiſpoſition or extraordinary Affairs hindered. Some Years before he died, his Bodily Strength was much decayed, ſo that he was incapable of going to any neighbouring Meetings; but he conſtantly attended their own; and, as it had always been his Practice, was careful to obſerve the Hour appointed; in which, when he appeared, it was in great Zeal and Fervency of Spirit, earneſtly preſſing Friends *to a diligent Waiting upon the Lord, as a Means whereby they might come to know their Strength renewed, that they might be enabled to live to his Honour:* The Honour of God, and his own Peace, having been

been that which above all Things was moſt dear to him, as appears by the following Expreſſions of his to a Friend, at a certain Time; *It*, ſaid he, *hath always been my Care, to keep my Peace with the Lord.* And the ſame Friend being with him a few Weeks before he died, he ſpoke to him as followeth: *I deſire to be diſſolved; I have no Guilt upon my Mind; I ſee nothing in my Way; I am not afraid to die.*

When he grew ſo weak of Body, that he was obliged to keep his Room, he deſired, *that the Meeting might be kept there, that he might have the Benefit of Friends Company:* By which it appears, that his Love to Truth and Friends was fervent to the laſt; and wherein we ſtedfaſtly believe he finiſhed his Days, and is entered into that Reſt prepared for the Righteous.

We conclude our Teſtimony, concerning this our deceaſed Friend, with the following ſummary Account: He was a loving Huſband, a tender Father, a peaceable Neighbour, and a good *Chriſtian.*

He died the 1ſt of the Tenth Month 1737, Aged Eighty four Years and two Months. A Miniſter upwards of Fifty two Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Birmingham *in the County of* Warwick, *concerning* SAMUEL OVERTON.

SAMUEL OVERTON, late of *Groveſield*, in the Pariſh of *Hampton Lucy*, in the County of *Warwick*, was born in the Pariſh of *Tachbrook* in the ſaid County, the 14th of the Seventh Month 1668, and was educated in the Way of Truth as profeſſed by us.

In his Youth, for ſome Years, he was much inured to Labour, and very helpful in the Management of his Father's Affairs, being his eldeſt Son.

About the Year 1695 he entered into a married State, and engaged in Buſineſs for himſelf; yet ſtill continued a filial Affection and dutiful Care towards his Parents, and was a great Aſſiſtant to them and their Family: Being endued with a comprehenſive natural Capacity, he exerted himſelf in an induſtrious and prudent Management of his temporal Affairs; in which, through the divine Bleſſing attending his honeſt and ſkilful Endeavours, he was favoured with a comfortable Subſiſtance on a Farm, where his honeſt Parents had laboured under very great Difficulties; for the Lord was pleaſed to bleſs him in the Baſket and in the Store. He had ſeveral Children

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who died in their Minority, beſides ſeven who ſurvived, whom he gave conſiderably to, and ſaw them well ſettled; yet notwithſtanding that, and his many Labours and Travels in the Work of the Miniſtry, in which he ſpent much Time, he died in plentiful Circumſtances.

In his Youth he received a Viſitation from on high; to which being faithful, about the Year 1694 the Lord was pleaſed to commit unto him a Diſpenſation of the Goſpel to preach, wherein he faithfully laboured until Weakneſs of Body prevented him, which was but a very ſhort time before his Death.

In the Courſe of his Miniſtry he ſeveral times viſited the Meetings of Friends in many Counties in *England*, particularly in the Weſtern Parts thereof, and ſometimes in *Wales*; and for many Years attended the Yearly-meeting at *London*. And his Mind being freely devoted to diſcharge his Duty, he often appointed Meetings for the Information and Benefit of thoſe of other Perſwaſions.

He was very ſerviceable in attending Marriages and Burials amongſt Friends, both in the County wherein he reſided, and thoſe adjacent. He had an excellent Gift in the Miniſtry, and his Labours therein were generally very acceptable, he being found in Doctrine, and mighty in the Scriptures.

He was likewiſe very ſerviceable in Meetings of Diſcipline, being one of the firſt who was

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concerned in ſettling of them in thoſe Parts, which he alſo diligently attended, and was of a ſound Jugdment and ſteady Deportment, often adviſing Friends *to keep cool in their Minds, and to ſpeak from a Senſe of Truth.* He was alſo a Pattern of Meekneſs and Brotherly Condeſcention.

He was a loving and affectionate Huſband, a tender Father, a kind and liberal Maſter, a true and faithful Friend, a generous and good Neighbour, particularly to the Poor and Afflicted. His Houſe and Heart were always open to entertain his Friends, eſpecially thoſe who were Strangers. He was often made uſe of as an Arbitrator, to compoſe Differences amongſt our own Society and others, in which Office he was very ſucceſsful.

He did not only, in Doctrine, zealouſly and repeatedly recommend a holy and circumſpect Life and Deportment, but was a lively Pattern and Example thereof, in his own Converſation and Conduct.

He had a lingring Ilneſs for ſeveral Months, which he bore with *Chriſtian* Patience; and, as often as the Intermiſſion of his Diſtemper would admit, he was very diligent in attending Meetings, wherein he very devoutly exerciſed his Gift, and was ſupported and carried through, in the Diſcharge thereof, beyond what could in the Eye of Reaſon be expected, being freely given up to ſpend and be ſpent for the Service of Truth; and even at the laſt

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Meeting he had amongſt Friends at *Warwick*, which was the ſame Week he died, notwithſtanding the Infirmities of his Body, he was deeply and excellently concerned in Teſtimony; and, as if ſenſible of his approaching Death, and the Loſs which the Church was likely to ſuſtain by his Removal, (which indeed is very great) he very fervently in Prayer *beſought the Lord of the Harveſt, that out of his abundant Goodneſs, he would be pleaſed to raiſe up and ſend more faithful Labourers thereinto*; which was very affecting and Heart-tendering to ſeveral then preſent: And we earneſtly deſire, that his ardent Prayer may be anſwered, and that it may pleaſe the Divine Being, to pour forth, upon the riſing Generation, a double Portion of that Spirit which ſo eminently attended many of our worthy Friends, who are gone to Reſt and Peace; of which Number we doubt not but this our worthy Friend was one, for we believe he lived and died a faithful Servant of Chriſt and his Church.

He departed this Life the 23d of the Seventh Month 1737, and was honourably buried in Friends Burying Ground in *Warwick* the 27th of the ſame, being attended by a great Number of Friends and Neighbours, and generally lamented by all Sorts of People.

Aged Sixty nine, a Miniſter about Forty eight Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Birmingham, *concerning* JONATHAN FREETH.

HE was born at *Smithwick*, in the Pariſh of *Harboone*, in the County of *Stafford*, upon the 20th of the Tenth Month 1661, deſcended of honeſt Parents. And as he grew in Years, was religiouſly inclined, and diligently attended the Meeting he belonged to, to wit, *Birmingham*, two Miles from his Habitation, even in the Times of Perſecution, when the Door of Friends Meeting-houſe was ſometimes ſhut up, and they obliged to meet in the Highways.

He entered into a married State in the Year 1686, and about four Years after, removed with his Family to *Birmingham*; and, in the Year 1695, was concerned to bear a publick Teſtimony to the Truth.

He was ſound in his Doctrine, and often adviſed Friends *to love and fear the Lord*; and was a Man very thankful to God for his Goodneſs and Mercy, which was to him extended divers ways. And though he did not travel much, eſpecially of late Years, yet he was very ſerviceable in his own Meeting, his Teſtimony being generally well accepted amongſt Friends; and he was very diligent in attending Week-day Meetings. In his Life

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and Converſation he was an Ornament to his Profeſſion, being an Example of Piety and Virtue, worthy of Imitation; plain and ſelf-denying; temperate, if not abſtemious; prudent and wiſe in his Conduct, juſt in his Dealings, of good Report amongſt Men, and beloved by Friends and others. His Diſpoſition was quiet, peaceable and eaſy; in Evenneſs of Temper beyond many; not exalted in Proſperity, nor dejected in Adverſity. He was a Lover of Peace and Unity in the Church, and was often qualified to adviſe in the Affairs of Truth, and was ready to entertain Strangers.

He was a faithful Friend, a tender Huſband, a loving Father, concerned for the good Education of his Children in the Way of Truth and Sobriety; and we have reaſon to believe that his Endeavours, through the divine Bleſſing, had a good Effect, ſome of his Sons having received a Gift in the Miniſtry.

He died in a good old Age, like a Shock of Corn gathered in due Seaſon, after a ſhort Ilneſs of about thirty ſeven Hours, on the 25th of the Eleventh Month 1738, and we doubt not hath finiſhed his Courſe with Joy, and is entered into everlaſting Reſt.

Aged Seventy ſeven, a Miniſter about Forty three Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Wigton *in the County of* Cumberland, *concerning* JOSEPH ATKINSON.

OUR dear and worthy Friend was born at *Maſthorn*, in the Pariſh of *Stapleton*, and County of *Cumberland*. His Parents were eſteemed very honeſt Friends; but they both dying, left ſeveral of their Children very young; and this our worthy Friend, being the youngeſt, was taken into the Family of an Unkle, who was a Member of the Church of *England*, and there remained a pretty many Years, till he was nearly arrived to mature Age; and, being religiouſly inclined, had it in his Mind to come to the Meeting of Friends, with whom his Parents had been in Communion. He was fully convinced and ſatisfied, and never again went to the national Worſhip, but continued to frequent the Meetings of Friends very diligently; and as he gave Attention to that holy Principle to which he was directed, and in which he lived, he, after ſome Years, received a Gift in the Miniſtry, and knew a gradual Growth therein; often appearing in the Power and Demonſtration of the Spirit, his Teſtimony being attended with a holy Warmth and living Zeal, full of Innocence, Love and Sweetneſs, which tended to the Comfort and Edification of the Church.

And although he travelled not very much, yet he viſited pretty many Meetings at ſundry times, within this Nation and *North Britain*; and we doubt not but his zealous and faithful Teſtimony had a good Service abroad, as well as at home.

His Life and Converſation was very regular, coupled with the Fear of God; and in all his Dealings he had a tender Regard to the Teſtimony; and, being pretty much concerned in Trading and Merchandize, was very careful to aſk the Counſel of his Friends, and to embrace it.

He was of a chearful Countenance, a free and unaffected Behaviour, and a courteous Diſpoſition, which made his Company deſirable, being tempered with a religious Gravity. In ſhort, he was a loving Huſband, an affectionate Father, a real Friend, and peaceable Neighbour. And notwithſtanding he met with many heavy Exerciſes, and deep Afflictions in the Courſe of his Pilgrimage through the World, yet he bore all with a remarkable Courage, Meekneſs and *Chriſtian* Patience; being ſupported, no doubt, by an inviſible Hand, upon which he ſecretly leaned, and to whoſe divine Protection he was entirely reſigned.

About the Sixty fifth Year of his Age, having been a Miniſter Thirty eight Years, after a ſhort Ilneſs, having fought the good Fight of Faith, he finiſhed his Courſe, at his Houſe belonging to *Righead* in *Kirklinton*, in

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a ſweet Frame of Mind, as appeared by the tender, fervent and warm Expreſſions that dropped from him in the time of his Sickneſs: And being paſſed from Works to Rewards, we firmly believe, through the Mercy of God in Jeſus Chriſt, he is entered into Reſt.

He was buried at Friends Burial Place at *Hetherſide*, the 12th of the Fifth Month 1738, his Corps being accompanied by many Friends and others; and living and powerful Teſtimonies were born, to the Honour of that holy Arm and Power which had raiſed and ſupported him in all his Services, and carried him through his Afflictions and Troubles; and to the Satisfaction and Comfort of all, or moſt, who were preſent.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Birmingham, *concerning* ANN SCOTTEN.

OUR dear Friend, *Ann Scotten*, was Daughter of that worthy and eminent Servant of the Lord in his Day, *John Banks* of *Cumberland*. And having the Advantage of ſo pious an Example, as well as Education, ſhe became a ſober virtuous young Woman.

She was married to *Stephen Scotten*, of *Coventry*, in the Year 1700, and was a loving and faithful Wife, a tender and affectionate Mother, a ſincere Friend. She had a great Love for Friends who travelled in the Miniſtry,

and her Heart and Houſe were always open to receive them.

She came forth in the Miniſtry in the Year 1711, we believe, according to the Will of God. She was a Woman of a good natural Underſtanding, ſound in Miniſtry, weighty and fervent in Prayer, ſtedfaſt in the Faith and Doctrines of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, as ſhe had experienced the Virtue and Efficacy of his Power to be her Comfort in Affliction, and Support in the Miniſtry.

She was often zealouſly concerned to recommend *a ſteady Dependance upon him, in whom is Salvation and Strength*; and though ſhe was not large in her Teſtimony, yet in her Miniſtry ſhe was frequently divinely favoured, to the Edification and Comfort of the Church.

She travelled in divers Counties in this Nation, in the Work of the Miniſtry, and her Labour therein was acceptable. She was very ſerviceable in our Womens Meeting of Buſineſs, was much concerned for the Honour of God, and the Peace and Concord of the Church. She was an Example of Piety to her Neighbours; and it may be truly ſaid, ſhe adorned the Doctrine of God our Saviour, by a ſober and godly Converſation amongſt them, by whom ſhe was well reſpected, and her Death much lamented.

In her laſt Ilneſs ſhe ſeemed fully reſigned to the Will of God. She often ſpoke of the Peace of Soul ſhe enjoyed, and ſaid, *that*

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nothing ſtood in her Way. We have no Reaſon to doubt but ſhe finiſhed her Courſe with Joy, and is at Reſt with the Faithful.

She quietly departed this Life the 21ſt of the Tenth Month 1739, in the Sixty eighth Year of her Age; a Miniſter about Twenty eight Years.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Birmingham, *concerning* JOHN HANDS.

OUR dear deceaſed Friend, *John Hands*, was born at *Warwick*, the 15th of the Twelfth Month, in the Year 1656. His Parents, who were of the Church of *England*, were honeſt and zealous People, and had this their Son, as well as the reſt of their Children, educated after the moſt ſtrict Manner thereof; but by a Paper of his own Hand-writing it appears, that even whilſt he was very young, he was diſſatisfied with that Way of Worſhip, not finding thereby the Wants of his Soul ſatisfied, which thirſted after ſomething more ſubſtantial than Externals could adminiſter to it; and that nothing ſhort of the Bread of Life would relieve and ſatisfie him: Yet, though he was ſecretly convinced, and had this Satisfaction given him, *That ſuch of the People called* Quakers, *who were faithful to the Manifeſtation of the Spirit of God in their own*

Hearts, were the People of the Lord, he did not for many Years after join in Society with them.

But about the Beginning of the Year 1677, he being at the Congregation he aſſembled with, in their publick Place of Worſhip, and attempting to join them in ſinging Pſalms, the Lord ſmote him for the ſame; and then and there, under great Sorrow for his former Unfaithfulneſs, he came to a Reſolution, through the Lord's Aſſiſtance, never more to join with them in their Worſhip. *So the Lord*, ſays he in the Paper above mentioned, *brought me out from amongſt them by his divine Power*. From which time he became a zealous and conſtant Frequenter of Friends Meetings, was a good Example in ſtrictly keeping to the Time appointed, and watching diligently againſt Dulneſs and an unconcerned Spirit therein; and ſo continued until old Age and Infirmities rendered him uncapable to attend them.

In the ſame Year that he joined in Society with Friends, he received a Gift in the Miniſtry, in which he faithfully laboured. He viſited Meetings in this, and ſeveral adjacent Counties, in which his Service was very acceptable, his Miniſtry being not in the enticing Words of Man's Wiſdom, but in Demonſtration of the Spirit, and alſo holding faſt the Form of ſound Words. He was not often very large in Teſtimony, but powerful and affecting; and his Converſation adorned

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the Doctrine of God our Saviour; for which he was generally eſteemed amongſt Friends, and of a good Report amongſt all Sorts of People.

A Year or more before his Death, he was, through Weakneſs of Body, frequently confined at home; yet ſeemed much pleaſed with the Viſits of Friends. When very weak in Body, he ſignified, *he was not afraid to die, the Sting of Death being taken away.* Weakneſs and the Decays of Nature, through Age, gradually increaſed upon him till the 28th of the Tenth Month 1739, when he departed this Life in great Peace with God, we doubt not, and in the Love and Unity of Friends.

Aged near Eighty three, a Miniſter about Sixty two Years.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting at Collumpton *in* Devonſhire, *concerning* MARGERY PETERS.

OUR antient and worthy Friend, *Margery Peters*, departed this Life the 18th of the Second Month 1739, about the Ninety ſecond Year of her Age. She was the Widow of *John Peters* in *Cornwall*; they were both, a few Years after their Marriage, convinced of Truth in one Day, and likewiſe, a ſhort time after, received the Gift of the Miniſtry; in which ſhe was frequently exerciſed, to the

Edification of many. She was remarkably modeſt in her Deportment, of a courteous and obliging Behaviour, and of exemplary Piety, ſweet and chearful in her Converſation, very inſtructive, and on that Account, equally entertaining and profitable; which added a Luſtre to her Miniſtry, and made it more extenſively ſerviceable.

She was tender and compaſſionate to all, doing good and communicating, according to the Ability which God had given her; a Pattern of Meekneſs and Humility, and ſo far from Self-exaltation, that ſhe was much in the Practice of preferring others to herſelf; of ſo grateful a Diſpoſition, as if ſhe thought, when the leaſt Kindneſs was ſhewn her, ſhe could not diſcharge the Obligation.

During her Life, ſhe was generally beloved by ſuch as were acquainted with her; and notwithſtanding her great Age, ſhe retained her Memory and Underſtanding to the laſt, often expreſſing her great Love to Truth and the Friends of it; and, but a few Days before her Diſſolution, ſhe expreſſed herſelf to a Friend who viſited her, to this Effect: *That ſhe would have him remember her Love to all Friends, and tell them, that ſhe had but a few Days to live; but that ſhe ſhould die in Peace with God, and with all Men.*

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the National Half-year's Meeting in Dublin, *concerning* JANE GEE.

SHE was deſcended from honeſt Parents, and religiouſly inclined in her young Years; of a free and affable Diſpoſition, courteous and ſolid Deportment, and often expreſſed the Satisfaction ſhe had in the Company and Converſation of honeſt Friends.

In the Year 1714, ſhe joined in Marriage with our Friend *John Gee*; was a tender and affectionate Wife, charitable to the Poor, and by her prudent and religious Conduct gained a good Report.

In or about the Year 1721, ſhe received a Gift of the Miniſtry, which, through the Croſs, ſhe gave up to; having firſt known, in a good meaſure, the Work and Power of Truth in her own Heart to ſanctify, fit and prepare her for that Service; and having the Proſperity of Truth in view, ſhe joined with Friends in ſeveral Services of the Church, being gifted alſo for the Diſcipline thereof, particularly for that of *viſiting Families*; wherein ſhe was well accepted. She frequently recommended inward Retirement, to wait upon the Lord.

She was diligent in attending Meetings for Worſhip, and, when of Ability, travelled through divers Parts of this Nation in the

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Service of Truth. In the Year 1729, having a Concern to viſit the Meetings of Friends in *Wales*, and ſome Parts of *England*, ſhe went, with the Concurrence of her Friends here, in Company with her dear Friend and Companion *Elizabeth Wilſon*. They travelled through *Wales*, and divers Parts of *England*; and on her Return at *Manchester*, her dear Companion was removed from her by Death, which ſorrowfully affected her; yet ſhe patiently ſubmitted to the Lord's Will; and ſoon after returned home, to the Comfort and Satisfaction of her Huſband and Friends.

She afterwards viſited moſt or all the Meetings of Friends in this Nation.

Her mild and innocent Converſation and Deportment correſponded with the Doctrine ſhe preached, and engaged Friends Love greatly, Self being of no Reputation with her.

The Indiſpoſition of Body, which occaſioned her Death, was of long Continuance, and attended with great Pains at times, which ſhe bore patiently, and ſeemed reſigned to the Will of God, whether to live or die. And, as ſhe drew near her Concluſion, was frequent and fervent in Prayer and Praiſes to the Lord, under a Senſe of his gracious and merciful Dealings with her.

A little before her Departure, ſeveral Friends coming to viſit her, ſhe ſat up in Bed, though very weak, and in a freſh and lively Senſe of divine Favour, expreſſed her Satisfaction in

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their Viſit; and deſired, *That the Lord might be with them, in their Mens and Womens Meetings; and that Friends might be careful in the Education of their Youth.*

Her Supplication was earneſt with the Lord, *that he would be with her in her laſt Moments*; which was graciouſly anſwered, ſhe having a Taſte of the living Springs of divine Goodneſs; and being filled with heavenly Joy, ſhe could ſing Praiſes to God, magnifying him for his Mercies, having a full Aſſurance of her Salvation, ſaying, *Lord, now come, thy Servant is ready:* And ſo concluded with heavenly Expreſſions, to the Admiration of thoſe about her, being ſenſible to the laſt; and we doubt not is entered into that eternal Reſt which is prepared for the Righteous.

She departed this Life the 28th of the Tenth Month 1739.

A Teſtimony from the National Half-year's Meeting of Miniſters and Elders in Dublin, *concerning* ELIZABETH JACOB.

OUR dear Friend and Siſter *Elizabeth Jacob*, deceaſed, was born at *Ardee* in *Ireland*, of believing Parents, (*Thomas* and *Agnes Head*) and went over into *England*, where ſhe lived ſome Years. From whence ſhe returned to this City, where ſhe went through many and deep Baptiſms, before Self came

came to be ſufficiently abaſed, and ſhe made willing to bear a publick Teſtimony for her Lord and Maſter, which ſhe did in this City, as ſome of us well remember.

She continued about ſeven Years amongſt us, and then joining in Marriage with our Friend *Richard Jacob* of *Limerick*, removed thither, and was of great Service in that City and Province, being an able Miniſter of the Goſpel, and well qualified for Diſcipline in the Church.

She travelled in the Service of Truth, not only in this Nation, but ſeveral times, in *England*, *Scotland*, *Wales*, and alſo in *Holland*; and many were the Seals of that living powerful Miniſtry with which ſhe was endowed, both in this Nation and elſewhere.

She had a very clear and diſtinct Utterance in her Miniſtry, which was attended with great Reverence and Tenderneſs, to the reaching and tendering the Hearts of Friends and others; ſhe was fervent and weighty in Prayer, and had deep Concern for the Youth amongſt us, many of whom were often much affected by her Miniſtry; ſo that we may ſay, ſhe was made, in the Lord's Hand, an Inſtrment of much Good. And in her late Years, although often attended with Infirmities of Body, it was her Delight to ſee and viſit Friends. So long as ſhe was of Ability, ſhe duly attended the Meeting ſhe belonged to, appearing lively in her Gift to the laſt.

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An Abſtract of the Teſtimony from Munſter *Province-meeting in* Ireland, *concerning* CHARLES HOWELL.

HE was born at *Gorey* in the County of *Wexford*, in the Year 1671, and educated according to the Manner of the Church of *England*; and, when grown up, was put Apprentice to our Friend *Nicholas Lock*, by Trade a *Sadler*; in which Time it pleaſed the Lord to viſit him with the Knowledge of the Truth, which brought him to ſee the exceeding Sinfulneſs of Sin; to deny himſelf of that vain Converſation to which he was naturally inclined, and to live a righteous, ſober and godly Life.

He bore a faithful Teſtimony againſt the Payment of Tithes, and on that Account ſuffered a long and cloſe Impriſonment, which he bore with Patience and Chearfulneſs. Soon after his Releaſe, about the Year 1695, it pleaſed God to beſtow on him a Gift of the Miniſtry, wherein he approved himſelf a faithful Labourer. He travelled abroad, not only in this Nation, but alſo in ſome Parts of *England* and *Wales*. His Miniſtry was plain, ſound and ſuitable. He was a diligent Attender of Meetings, both for Worſhip and Diſcipline, and of an exemplary Life and Converſation.

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He was taken ill the 19th of the Eighth Month 1740, being ſeized in a ſudden and violent Manner, which he bore with Patience and Reſignation to the Will of God; and though his Pains were very great, he ſaid, *It was the Lord's Goodneſs in ſupporting him under the ſame.* And when he was aſked, *If he would have a Doctor?* he ſaid, *He believed his Time was come, and that his Dependance was not on Doctors, but on the great Phyſician of Souls; and that what he had laboured for in his Life-time, he was now going to enjoy.* And ſeeing his Wife and Children in Trouble about him, ſaid, *Why do ye afflict yourſelves ſo? Sorrow not for me as without Hope. I have not my Day's Work to do now; for though my Body is full of Pain, my Mind is eaſy.* And further ſaid, *The Lord who promiſed to be an Huſband to the Widow, and a Father to the Fatherleſs, I make no doubt will be ſo to you, if you keep near to him.*

He departed this Life the 23d of the Eighth Month 1740, we are ſatisfied, in Peace with the Lord.

Aged about Sixty nine, a Miniſter about Forty four Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting at Woodbridge, *in the County of* Suffolk, *concerning* MARTHA KING.

A Concern is on our Spirits, to give the following Teſtimony concerning this our antient and worthy Friend. She was born in the Pariſh of *Chaſſield*, in the County of *Suffolk*, 1645. She was ſoberly inclined in her Youth, and when arrived to Woman's Eſtate, ſhe was favoured with the Viſitation of God's Love unto her Soul; and by Virtue thereof, ſhe became zealouſly concerned to get to Meetings, both on Firſt and other Days of the Week, though ſituated many Miles from her Habitation.

About the Thirtieth Year of her Age, the Lord was pleaſed to call her into the Work of the Miniſtry, wherein ſhe had good Service amongſt Friends, in the time of Perſecution, by Exhortation and Example, in going conſtantly to Meetings, though ſhe often met with Mockings, Scoffings, and Abuſe, from the rude People; and ſometimes was haled out of Meetings and carried to Goal; which ſhe ſuffered with Patience and *Chriſtian* Courage. She would frequently ſay, with great Thankfulneſs to the Almighty, *That, in the Midſt of all her Exerciſes and Trials, the Lord was her*

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Comfort and Support; in which Enjoyment ſhe would often, even in the Priſon-houſe, praiſe the Lord, with rejoicing of Soul, amongſt her Friends in Confinement. She hath alſo been of good Service amongſt us, in her old Age, both in Converſation, and in the Work of the Miniſtry; the Stream of her Teſtimony being attended with lively and powerful Exhortations unto all, but in particular to the Youth amongſt us.

She travelled in the Work of the Miniſtry through ſeveral Counties in *England*, with a very ſolid and becoming Conduct, ſuitable to ſuch a great and weighty Work; and with like Service and Conduct ſhe continued amongſt us, even to a good old Age. Though ſhe lived ſome Miles from Meetings, yet ſhe would, if poſſible, conſtantly attend both Firſt and Week-day Meetings, till about the Eighty ſixth Year of her Age; and ſeveral of thoſe Years ſhe travelled to Meetings on foot, with her Huſband *Thomas King*, a very antient and ſteady Friend. But Friends conſidering the Difficulties ſhe laboured under, thought proper to remove her into the Dwelling belonging to the Meeting-houſe at *Woodbridge*, for her better Conveniency in attending Meetings. She had not lived there long, before ſhe buried her aged Huſband, who had been her comfortable Companion for many Years.

As to her inward Condition, we have good reaſon to believe, in Concurrence with her

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own Teſtimony, that *She dwelt ſo near to the Lord in Spirit, that ſhe often was favoured with inward Peace of Soul.* She ſometimes ſaid, to ſuch as viſited her, *That the Lord, in the Riches of his Love and Mercy, was ſtill pleaſed to favour and bleſs her with the Enjoyment of his living and comfortable Preſence, now in her old Age*; for which, ſhe would expreſs ſo much Joy and Thankfulneſs to him, for his continued Love to her poor Soul, as ſhewed her Heart to be filled with Praiſes to him, in the ſenſible Enjoyment thereof. And for ſeveral of the laſt Years of her Life, when lame and feeble as a Child, yet ſhe would deſire to be led into Meetings; and was frequently enabled to drop many innocent and comfortable Exhortations, to the Admiration of many. She earneſtly deſired, *That the Lord would be pleaſed to enable her to hold out unto the good End that crowns all.* And it may be ſaid of her, that ſhe lived and died a Servant of the Lord and his People, and hath left a good Savour behind her.

She departed this Life the 16th of the Third Month 1740, in the Ninety fifth Year of her Age.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Brighouſe *in* Yorkſhire, *concerning* AARON ATKINSON.

HE was born at *Maſthorn* in the Pariſh of *Stapleton*, and County of *Cumberland*, about the Year 1665. His Parents dying when he was young, the Care of his Education was committed to ſome Relations who were of the *Preſbyterian* Profeſſion, among which People he walked till about the Twenty ſecond Year of his Age; when being at a Meeting at *Chriſtopher Taylor*'s, at *Hetherſide* in the Pariſh of *Kirklinton*, and County aforeſaid, he was there convinced of the Truth, by the powerful Preaching of our late eſteemed Friend *Chriſtopher Story*, and became an eminent Example of Plainneſs and Sobriety.

He was anointed for, and called to, the Work of the Miniſtry in his young Years, in a very extraordinary manner; and preached the Truth, not in the Wiſdom of Man, but in the Power of God. He had a lively and affecting Teſtimony, and in his Doctrine was ſo clear, as frequently to reach the Hearts of the Hearers ſo effectually, as to convince Oppoſers.

As he was duly qualified for, ſo he was a painful Labourer in the Work of the Goſpel, which

which his Travels in *England*, *Scotland*, *Ireland* and *America* plainly indicate; and therein his Labours were not ineffectual, for many were convinced by his Miniſtry, and brought not only to a Confeſſion and Acknowledgement of the Truth, but to ſit under the Teachings of Chriſt our Lord, the only Shepherd and Biſhop of Souls.

The Concern for the Welfare of the Society engaged his Attendance in Meetings for Diſcipline, where his Endeavours to promote the Peace and Proſperity of the Churches, rendered him acceptable. He was generally preſent with us, both in Monthly and Quarterly-meetings, and often attended the Yearly-meeting in *London*.

During the latter Part of his Life, he went not much abroad, but continued, ſo long as by any Means it was poſſible, to attend our Meetings for religious Worſhip, both on Firſt-days and other Days of the Week, and was a punctual Obſerver of the Time appointed; wherein, as well as in other Reſpects, his Example was worthy Imitation.

His Decline was ſo gradual, as ſcarcely to be perceived, but at diſtant Periods; and he retained a lively Senſe of divine and heavenly Goodneſs upon his Spirit, which we doubt not continued with him to his laſt Moments.

He died the Tenth of the Eighth Month 1740, at his own Houſe in *Leeds*.

A Teſtimony from Brighouſe *Monthly-meeting in* Yorkſhire, *concerning* BENJAMIN HORNOR.

THIS our dear and antient Friend was born at *Leeds*, in the County of *York*, in the Eleventh Month 1667; deſcended from religious Parents, who, in early Days, received the bleſſed Truth, and bore a Part in ſuffering for the ſame, whereof he alſo partook in his Youth; and being ſtrictly educated therein, he ſoon became zealous for its noble Cauſe.

His Houſe has been always open for the Reception of travelling Friends, where they found free and generous Entertainment, which he conſcientiouſly communicated to them, as believing it his Duty; and therein was heartily and freely aſſiſted by his Wife and Family.

He was a diligent Attender of our Meetings for religious Worſhip, and, at times, found himſelf engaged to bear a publick Teſtimony. And as he was ſerviceable, ſo he was rarely abſent, for near fifty Years, from Monthly or Quarterly-meetings, for the Diſcipline of the Church; and moſtly attended the Yearly-Meeting in *London*.

To his Wife he was a tender and affectionate Huſband; to his Children a provident and indulgent Father; to his Servants a kind and

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generous Maſter. In his Neighbourhood, eſpecially to the Poor, he was beneficent and humane; to his Dependants, who were many, he was open and free of Acceſs. In a large and extenſive Trade, he ever appeared punctual and ſtrictly honeſt. His moral Character ſhone with peculiar Luſtre, and remained unſullied.

He had the general Eſteem of thoſe who knew him, of every Denomination: So forcibly does the Principle, by which he walked, recommend itſelf to all conſiderate Men, that it would be a Bleſſing to us, and the Society in general, did all carefully follow ſo bright an Example.

He lived to a good old Age, retain'd his Capacity to the laſt, left his temporal Affairs in a ſatisfactory and commendable Order, and died in ſtrict Unity with Friends, and, we hope, in great Peace with the Lord, on the 4th of the Tenth Month 1740. Aged near Seventy three Years.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Norfolk, *concerning* JOHN GURNEY, *who departed this Life the* 19*th of the Eleventh Month* 1740.

HE was deſcended of worthy Parents, who received the Truth in the Love of it, ſoon after the firſt Appearance of Friends in the City of *Norwich*. His Father had no ſmall Share in Suffering, for bearing Teſtimony to the Truth, in the moſt ſevere Perſecutions which Friends underwent in thoſe early times, and continued faithful to the End of his Days. They took particular Care in the religious Education of all their Children, and had the Satisfaction to find the bleſſed Effects thereof in moſt of them.

This our dear Friend, having ſeen through the Follies and Vanities of Youth, did ſet his Heart to ſeek the Lord, in his young and tender Years; and by ſubmitting to the Guidance of his holy Spirit, he was indued with a good Underſtanding in the Myſteries of the Goſpel; and about the Twenty ſecond Year of his Age, his Mouth was opened in the Aſſemblies of his Friends, as a Miniſter, much to their Edification and Comfort; and as he advanced in Years, that excellent Gift was more plentifully beſtowed upon him,

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being an eloquent Man, and mighty in the Scriptures; his Miniſtry having often the Demonſtration of the Spirit and Power of Life attending it, being delivered with much plainneſs, and ſo ſuitably adapted, as generally reached the meaneſt Capacities, and anſwered to the Witneſs of God in the Auditors; which made him very acceptable to many, who for the moſt part delighted to ſit under the ſame, and ſought for Opportunities ſo to do: Though it may be ſaid, he endeavoured rather to be hid, than to appear to gratify the Curious, or only to ſatisfy their itching Ears, being careful in attending to the immediate Preſſures on his own Mind, before he entered thereupon; and often gave way to others, though perhaps inferior to himſelf in many Reſpects, which made his Service more available, and better accepted.

His Life and Converſation well correſponded with his Doctrine; he lived in the Fear of God, and was a Pattern of Sobriety, Chaſtity, Moderation and Temperance, as well as of other *Chriſtian* Virtues; thereby adorning the Goſpel of Chriſt: And we think we may, without Flattery, give this Teſtimony of him, *That he was a Workman, who needed not to be aſhamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.*

He often travelled to viſit the Churches in this Nation, and was well received where he came, and many are the Seals of that Virtue which attended his Labour of Love, for the Good of Souls.

He was a conſtant Attender of our religious Aſſemblies, both on the Firſt-days and other Days in the Week, if Health permitted; as alſo thoſe of Diſcipline, highly eſteeming the good Order eſtabliſhed in our Society, which he was well acquainted with; and great Regard was paid to his Judgment, not only in Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, but alſo in the Yearly-meeting at *London*.

He was a great Lover and Promoter of Peace, and was frequently inſtrumental in healing many Wounds and Breaches, which have happened in the Churches. He often ſaid, *That he believed our Conſtitution, reſpecting Diſcipline, was preferable to any other now ſubſiſting in the World.*

He was no leſs remarkable in *civil Affairs*: His Depth of Judgment, and Quickneſs of Apprehenſion, joined with a ſolid and grave Deportment, made him conſpicuous, being willing to ſerve Mankind, when it lay in his Power, which was very frequent: And not only thoſe of his own Society, but likewiſe other Parts of the Commonwealth, reaped no ſmall Benefit from him; which rendered him generally beloved and eſteemed, yet was he not puffed up therewith, but ſhunned the Opportunities of Applauſe, which frequently offered.

His Patience and Reſignation to the Will of God was great, being afflicted for a conſiderable Number of Years with grievous Pains, cauſed by the *Stone* and *Gravel*, which weakened

weakened his Conſtitution very much; yet his Soul ſeemed ſupported with *Chriſtian* Fortitude through them all, to the Admiration, as well as great Conſolation, of thoſe who highly eſteemed him for his eminent Qualifications and Services.

His Removal appears a very great Loſs to his Family, in which he was a moſt loving and affectionate Huſband, an indulgent and tender Father, and a kind Maſter. Amongſt his Relations, a faithful Overſeer, a worthy Counſellor, and a ſteady Friend to all. His Friends, Neighbours, and Countrymen of all Denominations, reaped no ſmall Advantages from thoſe free and candid Advices which, as Applicatiçn was made to him, he generouſly and in a *Chriſtian* Spirit communicated.

Theſe Virtues, mixed with a free and affable Diſpoſition, could not but draw great Love and Reſpect from all Sorts of People towards him; and much more ſo from us, who were joined in the ſame Communion, and Partakers of the like precious Faith with him.

He finiſhed his Courſe in unfeigned Love and Unity with his Brethren, and we doubt not, in perfect Charity with all Men.

His Body was attended to the Grave by ſome Thouſands, as were ſuppoſed, of his Friends and fellow Citizens; and a very ſolemn Meeting we had, his Death being univerſally regretted.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from Norwich *Monthly-meeting, concerning* JOHN GURNEY.

AS our Friends in the Country have given you a large and particular Account, concerning our dear and deceaſed Friend *John Gurney*, we therefore only add,

His Service, as a Miniſter of the Goſpel of Chriſt, and our Loſs, as a Society in general, and in theſe Parts in particular, muſt be too well known to require to be mentioned by us; yet ſuffer us to ſay, we in this Place do moſt ſenſibly experience it; for, although his long Ilneſs did prevent his travelling much abroad, yet we had frequently his Company in our Aſſemblies; and the living and efficatious Miniſtry, which it pleaſed God to endue him with, did powerfully affect many amongſt us, by confirming the Faith of the Weak, and encouraging the ſincere Travellers to perſevere in the Way of Truth, through this troubleſome and afflicting World.

The Firſt-day two Weeks before his laſt Ilneſs, he was at our Meeting in the Forenoon, when he appeared in a lively Teſtimony amongſt us: He preſſed us to conſider, *How our Time paſſed away!* and to examine, *How far our Minds had been religiouſly diſpoſed ſince our meeting together. Some of us*, he ſaid, *ſeemed to be at the Top of the Mountain, where it*

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pleaſed God ſometimes to remove the Clouds, and give us a clear Proſpect into the promiſed Land, though we were not yet quite arrived, ſo as to take Poſſeſſion thereof. It was a melting Time, and an Opportunity that will leave a laſting Remembrance on the Minds of many.

He drank large Draughts of Affliction in this Life; yet he bore them with great Patience and Reſignation to the divine Hand which permitted them. He ſaw clearly they muſt ſoon finiſh him, as to this World; and as they did greatly wean him from it, ſo they did abundantly encreaſe his Faith, in the Dealings and Goodneſs of God, by which, we doubt not, they were ſanctified unto him: And though they were permitted to end his Days in this World, yet, we doubt not, they did work for him, through divine Aſſiſtance, a more exceeding and joyful Inheritance in the World to come.

When we look back and conſider him through the whole of his Life; when we conſider the Temptation of Proſperity, and the Kindneſs and Eſteem of great Men of this World; and do further conſider him, not exalted thereby; we cannot but admire that divine Hand which was his Preſerver and Keeper, and did ſo eminently ſupport him, that nothing was permitted to ſeparate him from that Truth, which the Lord had eminently convinced him of, and gathered him into.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Cheſhire, *concerning* BENJAMIN BANGS.

THIS our antient honourable Friend, and eminent Miniſter of Jeſus Chriſt, was born in the Pariſh of *Longham*, in the County of *Norfolk*, the 1ſt of the Tenth Month 1652, deſcended of reputable Parents, and was religiouſly educated, in the Principles of the Church of *England*, by his Mother, his Father dying when he was young.

The Lord was pleaſed, in his young and tender Years, to extend a merciful Viſitation of Love to him, with which he was at times deeply affected; and about the Nineteenth Year of his Age, being then ſettled in *London*, was convinced of the bleſſed Truth, and ſhortly after, he came forth in a publick Teſtimony, and became an able Miniſter of the Goſpel of Chriſt; in which he laboured faithfully and fervently, in divers Parts of this Nation and the Kingdom of *Ireland*, before he came to reſide amongſt us; and was inſtrumental in the Convincement of many.

In the Year 1683, he married our worthy Friend *Mary Lowe*, of this County, and thereupon ſettled amongſt us. After which he viſited many Parts of this Nation and the Principality of *Wales*; and, till Age and Infirmities prevailed, continued to viſit the Meetings of Friends,

Friends, in this and the adjacent Counties, where his Services were always acceptable.

He was an Elder worthy of double Honour, having obtained a good Report; not of Men ſeeking Glory, nor as a Lord over God's Heritage, but an Enſample to the Flock; not forward to appear in publick Service. In Doctrine ſound, clear, inſtructive and uncorrupt: His Openings were freſh and lively, and his manner of Expreſſion truly amiable. He delighted much to wait in ſilence, for the Diſcoveries of the Word of Life, whereby he became ſtrong in the Lord, and in the Power of his Might, ſounding forth the Word of Reconciliation by Chriſt our Lord, and Salvation through his eternal Spirit.

He was often fervent in Supplication, and drawn forth in a ſweet and heavenly manner, to the great Joy and Gladneſs of the ſincere in Heart. He was ſignally qualified, in our Monthly and Quarterly-meetings, to ſpeak a Word in Seaſon, for the Promotion of Peace, good Order and Diſcipline in the Church; which Meetings he conſtantly attended, when at home and in Health.

He was remarkably compaſſionate to the Poor of the Society, in whom he obſerved a degree of Sincerity and Worthineſs, who were ſure to meet with an Advocate in him.

His Countenance was awful, his Deportment grave, but intermixed with a pleaſant and familiar Manner of Expreſſion, that rendered

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his Company delectable to ſuch as he converſed with; and when old Age and Infirmities attended, his Underſtanding was clear, and many ſweet and heavenly Expreſſions dropt from him, concerning the Largeneſs of the Love of God to his Soul, together with ſundry ſeaſonable Advices, to the tendering of the Hearts of thoſe preſent: And he often ſaid, *That his Work was finiſhed, and he was freely reſigned; feeling nothing but Peace from the Lord upon his Spirit.* Yea, ſo plentifully was it poured forth upon him, that, when near his End, he could not forbear rejoicing in the bleſſed Experience thereof, ſaying, *Now I know and witneſs the Saying of our bleſſed Lord fulfilled*, viz. He that believeth in me, out of his Belly ſhall flow Rivers of living Water.

Much more might be ſaid concerning this great and good Man; but his ſundry Services and diligent Labours, in the Work of the Goſpel, for many Years, are ſo well known, that we need not enlarge thereon. And altho' his Removal be a Loſs to the Church, yet we fully believe it is his everlaſting Gain, he being gathered home, as a Shock of Corn fully ripe, into the Garner of God, there to enjoy the bleſſed Reward of the Righteous, in an endleſs Fruition of Joy and Glory; for as he lived, ſo he died, a Servant of the Lord and his People, the 6th Day of the Twelfth Month 1741, in the Ninetieth Year of his Age. A Miniſter about Sixty five Years.

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JOHN RICHARDSON'S *Teſtimony, concerning our worthy Friend and Brother* LUKE COCK, *who died the 29th of the Tenth Month* 1740, *Aged about Eighty three Years; and was decently buried in Friend's Burying Place in* Danby Dale.

HE was a Miniſter near Thirty ſeven Years. I have heard him ſay, before he came to the Knowledge of the Truth, he bore the Character of the greateſt Singer, *viz.* of irreligious vain Songs, in all that Part of the Country where he lived. He ſung then the *Babylonian* Song, by the muddy Waters thereof; but having drank of the Brooks of *Shiloh*, that run ſoftly into the newly converted Soul, he could ſing and rejoice in the Lord Jeſus Chriſt. And altho' he met with many Trials and great Tribulations, he witneſſed his Robes waſhed, and in a good degree made white, in the Blood of the Lamb, being, by the good Hand and Arm of Strength and Salvation, brought through all his Troubles, and ſet as upon Mount *Sion*, where he could ſing a new Song, the Song of *Moſes* and of the Lamb.

And being called into the Work of the Miniſtry, he bore a ſound and living Teſtimony for the Truth, which was greatly edifying to Friends. And it being my Lot to follow him

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in ſeveral Parts of *England* and *Ireland*, I heard a good Account of him; Friends ſpeaking very lovingly and tenderly concerning him, greatly deſiring to ſee him again.

He was cautious not to miniſter, until he evidently felt Truth to open his Way. He was a good Example to Friends, in duly and diligently attending Meetings. A juſt Man, a good Neighbour, free in Converſation, but ſolid and inſtructive. In his Supplication to the Lord, he had great Acceſs to that River which makes glad the City of God.

A little time before his Change I viſited him, when he expreſſed his Mind to me in theſe Words,—*I am confined at home through Age and Weakneſs, and cannot get to ſee Friends, and to Meetings, as I could wiſh; but the Lord hath been great in his Goodneſs to me, by comforting and refreſhing my Soul with his living Preſence, and my Mind is much with* Abraham, Iſaac, *and* Jacob; *the Prophets and Apoſtles; Sufferers and Martyrs for Chriſt's Sake; with an innumerable Company of Angels, and the Spirits of juſt Men made perfect: And I hope in a little time to be with them for ever.*

I thought he ſpoke theſe Words in that Weightineſs and Sweetneſs of Mind and Spirit, that it would not be well to leave them in Oblivion.

Much might be ſaid concerning this Man of God, our beloved Friend and Brother in Chriſt, and fellow Labourer with us in the Goſpel

Goſpel of Peace and Salvation. But now he is removed from us, to our great Loſs, but, without doubt, to his everlaſting Gain and Reſt, in a Manſion of Glory; and that we may follow ſuch worthy Mens Examples, ſo long as we remain here, *viz.* Such as followed Chriſt under the daily Croſs, in true Humility and Self-denial, as this our beloved Friend did, with many others who are gone before, is the hearty and ſincere Deſire of your Friend and Brother in the Lord,

Hutton in the Hole, *the* 23*d of the Firſt Month* 1740. JOHN RICHARDSON.

A Teſtimony from Giſborough *Monthly-meeting, concerning* LUKE COCK.

SINCE it hath pleaſed the Lord to remove from us our antient and worthy Friend, we cannot well but give ſome Account of his Faithfulneſs and good Service amongſt us.

We believe he was careful not to give any juſt Occaſion of Offence to Friends or others. He was clear, plain, and ſound in his Teſtimony, and of a good Underſtanding. He travelled ſeveral Journeys in Truth's Service, while he was of Ability of Body. He held his Integrity to the End, and died in good Unity with Friends.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Durham, *concerning* JEREMIAH HUNTER.

WE think it our Duty to give this Teſtimony concerning our antient and well eſteemed Friend, *Jeremiah Hunter* deceaſed, hoping it may be of Service to Poſterity, and encouraging to hold on in Well-doing.

He was born at *Benfield-ſide*, in the County of *Durham*, in the Year 1658, and came to *Newcaſtle* upon *Tyne*, as an Apprentice, and continued there. And about the Twenty fifth Year of his Age, the Lord was pleaſed to open his Mouth in a publick Teſtimony for Truth; he grew in the Miniſtry, and became very ſerviceable, and his Gift edifying.

We can experimentally ſay, he was ſound in Doctrine, a freſh and lively Miniſter, great in Underſtanding, well applying the Matter that opened before him; many times wonderfully filled and divinely furniſhed with the Spirit of Prayer and Supplication, to the comforting, reaching and tendering of many Souls.

He was an open-hearted Man, ready to help and relieve the Poor, not only amongſt us, but to others he gave freely. He diligently attended Meetings for Worſhip, as alſo Monthly and Quarterly-meetings, where he had great Service in Diſcipline; giving ſeaſonable Advice,

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encouraging the Well-minded, and reproving Evil-doers.

He viſited divers Counties in *England*, and often attended the Yearly-meeting at *London*; his Labour of Love being acceptable to his Brethren.

His Body weakened gradually, which he bore with great Patience, not deſiring to ſtay much longer here, but rather to be diſſolved. After his Strength failed, ſo that he was not able to get abroad, ſeveral Meetings were held at his Houſe, where a degree of divine Favour was often witneſſed, and he appeared alive in the Miniſtry to our Comfort.

He was entered into the Eighty fourth Year of his Age when he died, which was on the 24th Day of the Twelfth Month 1741, having been a Miniſter about Fifty eight Years; and we doubt not but he has laid down his Head in Peace with the Lord, in Unity with his Brethren, and in good Report amongſt Men, and is entered into that Reſt prepared for the Righteous, where all Crowns muſt be laid down, and the Glory and Honour aſcribed to him that ſits upon the Throne, and to the Lamb, for evermore.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Wells *in* Norfolk, *concerning* KATHERINE PECKOVER.

WE think it incumbent upon us to ſay ſomething in Commemoration of ſo good and valuable a Woman, counting it no ſmall Bleſſing to the Churches in theſe Parts, wherein ſhe continued from about the Twentieth Year of her Age, to her Departure out of this Life; and was all along a very ſerviceable and honourable Member amongſt us. Her many excellent Qualifications, attended with a meek, humble, reverent Deportment, in all Reſpects, rendered her very near and dear to us.

It pleaſed God to beſtow upon her a Gift of the Miniſtry, which ſhe was faithful to, and very exemplary in waiting for, delivering the Matter ſhe had to ſay with much Plainneſs and Brevity, being attended with great Power, to the no ſmall Edification and Comfort of the Churches. Her Life and Converſation well correſponded with her Doctrine, and ſhe was much reſpected by People of other Societies: She was very charitable and full of good Works; her Delight was to be found in Practices becoming the Goſpel; and ſhe was an eminent Pillar amongſt us, a worthy

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Mother in *Iſrael*, and a great Ornament to the Society

She received the Truth whilſt ſhe was very young; and, with her honourable Mother, was impriſoned for her Teſtimony thereunto, before ſhe was ſixteen Years of Age, and undauntedly confeſſed the ſame, and pleaded for it in her Examinations before the Judge in Court, being firſt called to anſwer to their *Indictment*, though there were upwards of ſixty Perſons then preſent upon the ſame good Account, and ſhe the youngeſt of them all; where ſhe conducted herſelf with ſuch Modeſty, giving pertinent Reaſons for her joining with her Friends in aſſembling together to worſhip God in Spirit, *&c.* and refuſing her Liberty on Terms inconſiſtent with her religious Profeſſion, as drew from the Court no ſmall Attention and Surpriſe; and it was ſo ordered, that ſhe with her fellow Priſoners, were all ſet at Liberty: Which ſhe would afterwards often mention with great Sweetneſs and Gratitude of Soul, to the Divine Hand by which ſhe was ſupported to hold out to the End of her Days, in a conſtant Dependance on that Arm of Power, which glorioufly viſited and wrought upon her. She retained the Senſe and Savour of Truth in as precious and lively a manner as in the Beginning; it being very frequent with her to expreſs the ſame in her living Miniſtry amongſt us.

Much more might be ſaid concerning this our worthy Friend, but we ſtudy Brevity, being nearly affected with her Removal from us; which though it be our unſpeakable Loſs, we doubt not but is her great Gain, and that ſhe is centered in the holy Manſions, with Saints and Angels, and the Spirits of the Juſt made perfect.

She departed this Life at her own Dwelling-houſe in *Fakenham* in the ſaid County, on the 1ſt Day of the Eighth Month 1741, and was attended to the Grave by great Numbers of Friends and others. She was born about the Year 1666, and died in the Year 1741, and was a Miniſter about Forty ſix Years.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting at Pardſhaw-hall *in* Cumberland, *concerning* JAMES DICKINSON.

JAMES DICKINSON of *Green-trees*, otherwiſe *Moorſide*, belonging to *Pardſhaw* Meeting in the County of *Cumberland*, deſcended of honeſt Parents, was born at *Low-moor*, in the Year 1658. The Lord was pleaſed tenderly to viſit him in his young Years, whereby he became acquainted with his Teachings when but a Child; but for want of keeping a ſtedfaſt Eye to his Guidings, he was led forth into thoſe Follies and Vanities of the World

World incident to Youth: But ſuch was the Love of the heavenly Father (as he often declared amongſt us in the Spring of the Goſpel) that he was met with again and brought back, as a Sheep ſtrayed from the Father's Fold; and, after much Affliction and ſolitary Exerciſe, fitted for future Service, and engaged in a publick Teſtimony about the Eighteenth Year of his Age.

He was ſhortly after concerned to go to ſeveral Meetings of the *Diſſenters*, in the County where he lived, and underwent Hardſhips amongſt them; yet Truth crowned his Labours with ſome Convincement. After which, he travelled in the Service of the Miniſtry in divers Counties, through *England*, *Ireland* and *Holland*, undergoing Sufferings in the time of Perſecution. He viſited Friends in *Ireland* Twelve times; Three times in *America*; Once in *Holland* and *Germany*; and laboured much in his native Country of *England*, many being convinced by him. Much more might be ſaid concerning his Labours and Travels in the Work of the Miniſtry, but we refer to his *Journal*.

He was a diligent Labourer at home, a conſtant Attender of Meetings, a ſincere Traveller therein, very tender over the Youth, a nurſing Father to the leaſt, and full of Charity to all rightly anointed; yet not haſty to join with forward Spirits. He was alſo careful not to join in party Cauſes, but was greatly

concerned for the Promotion and Unity of the Church; and often expreſſed his ſtedfaſt Faith, that the Teſtimony of Truth would be exalted in the Nations, and the *antichriſtian* Oppreſſion of Tithes brought down; and with Concern declared his Sorrow for ſuch as weakly complied therewith.

When his natural Abilities failed, he would ſpeak with Strength apparently beyond his Age and Conſtitution. He was ſeized with a *Palſy* near a Year before he died, which detained him from Meetings, and by it his Speech was much taken from him; but would often ſay, *He was well, he was well, and had nothing but Peace on every hand*; expreſſing his Care and Concern for the Growth and Preſervation of the Church.

He died on the 6th of the Third Month, 1741, and was interred on the 8th of the ſame, in Friends Burying Ground at *Eagleſfield*, being accompanied by a great many Friends and others. Aged Eighty three, a Miniſter Sixty five Years.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Ayleſbury *in* Buckinghamſhire, *concerning* MARY LARCUM.

THE Time of her Convincement being before our Knowledge of her, we cannot be very particular therein; but ſome of us have heard from herſelf, that ſhe going to the Goal at *Reading* in *Berkſhire*, (the Place of her Abode) to viſit a Relation, a Friend then a Priſoner there, was at a Meeting of Friends, many being then Priſoners; among whom was our eminent Friend *Iſaac Pennington*, by whoſe Miniſtry ſhe was then convinced of Truth; which ſhe receiving in the Love of it, became willing to yield Obedience to the Requirings thereof, in taking up a Croſs to the Vanities her youthful Age might be inclined to.

For many Years paſt, ſome of us were well acquainted with her, and in remembrance of her Service in the Church, and exemplary Conduct in general, we are engaged to give this brief Memorial of her: That her Converſation, while ſingle, was ſober and religious; and when engaged in a State of Marriage, ſhe was a true Helpmeet to her Huſband, being very induſtrious in her temporal Affairs, and diligent in attending Meetings both for Worſhip and Diſcipline. She was very compaſſionate

paſſionate and liberal in extending Help to the Needy among Friends, and others as occaſion offered.

About the Fiftieth Year of her Age ſhe appeared in Teſtimony for the Truth; in which Service ſhe was often made an Inſtrument of Comfort and Edification to the Faithful, as well as of Reproof and Exhortation to the Careleſs and Indifferent. While Ability of Body continued, ſhe often travelled in the Service of the Miniſtry, viſiting the Churches in ſeveral adjacent Counties. When Age and Weakneſs rendered her uncapable of going far abroad, ſhe did not decline in her Zeal for Truth, but was diligent in attending Meetings, and often livingly opened in tender Advice and Exhortation to Faithfulneſs; ſometimes expreſſing the Satisfaction and Peace ſhe enjoyed, in that ſhe had been diligent in ſerving the Lord in her known Duty.

We have good Cauſe to believe ſhe died in Peace with the Lord, and is entered into everlaſting Reſt. She departed this Life the 23d of the Fifth Month 1741, about the Eighty fifth Year of her Age, and was interred the 28th following, in Friends Burying Ground at *Wiccomb* in the County of *Bucks*. A Miniſter Thirty five Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Mens Meeting in Dublin, *concerning* JOSEPH GILL.

HE was educated by his Parents *William* and *Margaret Gill*, of *How* in *Cumberland*, in the Profeſſion of Truth, and came into *Ireland* in the Year 1697, but reſided moſtly in the Country until the Year 1702, when he ſettled in this City, and gained Love and Eſteem among Friends and others.

He was religiouſly inclined from his Youth, and a diligent Attender of Meetings for Worſhip and Diſcipline; and concerned, when there, to wait for that divine Power, that ſtrengthens and encourages the Faithful, to travel on in the Way that leads to everlaſting Happineſs.

About the Year 1711, he was called to the Work of the Miniſtry, wherein he was, in a good degree, attended with that Life and Power, which made it comfortable and edifying to the well diſpoſed Hearers. He ſeveral times viſited Friends in *England* and *Scotland*, as alſo in this Nation; and many times attended the Yearly-meeting in *London*; to anſwer which Service he was freely given up.

In the Year 1734, he viſited Friends in many Parts of the Continent of *America*, and the Iſlands adjacent; in all which Viſits,

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we believe his Labour of Love was ſerviceable and acceptable.

He was well gifted for Diſcipline, and of great Help to Friends of this Meeting. He was zealous againſt the undue Liberties taken by too many profeſſing Truth. His Life was exemplary, adorning the Doctrine he preached by a good Converſation. He arrived to the State of an Elder in the Church, and was a nurſing Father to ſuch as he thought religiouſly inclined. He was given to Hoſpitality, and his Houſe was open to entertain Strangers.

Some time before his laſt Ilneſs, he acquainted us of his Concern to viſit *Ulſter* Province, in order to have our Concurrence and Certificate, without which he was careful not to travel on Truth's Account: He was but in a poor State of Health when he ſet out on his Journey, in which he viſited moſt of Friends Meetings in the ſaid Province; but his Indiſpoſition increaſing, he returned home, where he continued weak about five Weeks, and departed this Life, in a ſweet Frame of Mind, the 28th of the Eleventh Month 1741, and was buried the 30th of the ſame, at Friends Burying Ground in *Cork-ſtreet*. And although we may ſay, we are ſorrowfully affected for our Loſs of him, yet we are perſwaded it is his great Gain, being, we doubt not, entered into everlaſting Reſt and Peace.

Aged Sixty ſeven Years, a Miniſter about Thirty Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Montrath *in* Ireland, *concerning* JOHN ASHTON.

HE was born in *Cheſhire*, near the Foreſt of *Delamere*, and when a Child, was brought by his Parents into *Ireland*, who educated him according to the Way of the Church of *England*, wherein he continued until near the Fortieth Year of his Age; but being deſirous of farther Diſcoveries of the Knowledge of God and Way of Salvation, he with his Wife went to a Meeting of Friends at *Birr*, where a Marriage was ſolemnized, and both of them were convinced that Day, by the powerful and efficacious Miniſtry of that faithful Servant of Jeſus Chriſt, *Thomas Wilſon*, and was obedient to the Manifeſtations of Truth in his Heart; and, ſoon after his Convincement, was caſt into Priſon on account of his faithful Teſtimony againſt paying of Tithes, where he remained about ſix Months; not repining, ſhrinking, or in the leaſt giving way; and may be likened to the Faithful of old, who overcame by the Blood of the Lamb, and Word of their Teſtimony: And as he grew in the Knowledge of Truth, ſo his Love encreaſed towards his Neighbours, frequently inviting them to Meetings, going to their Houſes early and late on that Occaſion.

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He was inſtrumental in gathering and ſettling a Meeting at his Houſe, which remains there to this Time. He was a conſtant Attender of Meetings both at home and abroad.

About the Sixty ſecond Year of his Age, his Mouth was opened in a publick Teſtimony for Truth; in which he faithfully laboured for the ſtirring up the pure Mind, and encouraging that which was good in all; and was zealouſly concerned againſt Pride and vain Faſhions; the Increaſe of which is too manifeſt among the Youth of our Society of late Years.

In the Year 1733, he, with another Friend, went to the Yearly-meeting at *London*, and from thence viſited ſeveral Meetings in ſundry Counties in *England*; as alſo the Meetings of Friends in *North-Britain*.

He was helpful and ſerviceable, with other Friends, in viſiting the Families in this Monthly-meeting, and was conſtant in Friendſhip, his Heart and Houſe always open to receive Friends; a Mourner with the Afflicted, and full of Compaſſion to the Poor, by whom his Death is greatly lamented.

He died the 14th Day of the Third Month 1741, Aged about Eighty, and a Miniſter about Eighteen Years.

Though our Loſs of him is great, we are perſuaded he now reaps the Gain of all his *Chriſtian* Labours, and remains with the Juſt in a Manſion of eternal Happineſs.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Birmingham *in the County of* Warwick, *concerning* JANE BRISCOE.

JANE BRISCOE, late of *Warwick*, was born the 30th of the Ninth Month 1654. In her youthful Days, ſhe was under Convictions for ſome time before ſhe frequented our Meetings, which was about the Twenty firſt Year of her Age; for which ſhe endured a great deal of hard Speeches from her Father and other Relations; yet this did not daunt her religious Courage and Reſolution to ſuffer Affliction for the Truth's ſake, rather than enjoy the ſinful Pleaſures of this momentary Life. And this her ſteady Conduct in the Path of Truth, gained ſuch an Aſcendency over her Father, that upon his Death-bed he was reconciled to her, and deſired, *that God would direct her for the beſt.*

Her great Reſpect for *William Dewſbury* was very conſpicuous, with whom ſhe lived as a Servant for many Years, waiting upon him very dutifully in his Confinement, and faithfully managing his Buſineſs, which was entruſted to her, while he was a Priſoner on Account of Religion: She attended him in his laſt Ilneſs, and has been heard to ſay, *She thought ſhe had reaſon to bleſs God, that her Lot was*

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to live with him: Whoſe good Example encouraged her in Faithfulneſs to the divine Diſcoveries received, wherein ſhe made ſuch Advances, that it pleaſed the Divine Being, about the Year 1677, to beſtow on her a Gift in the Miniſtry, which ſhe faithfully diſcharged, not by enticing Words of Man's Wiſdom, but in the Demonſtration of the Spirit and of Power.

She mightily deſired, that Truth might proſper in the Hearts of the Youth; and had a frequent Concern in Meetings, to pray to the Almighty for a Bleſſing upon the Children of his People. She was zealous in the Diſcharge of her Duty in the Miniſtry. Her Doctrine was enforced by a ſober Life and godly Converſation, which made her Miniſtry the more acceptable to her Hearers. She was a diligent Frequenter of Meetings, as long as ſhe was able to attend them; and many times, when bodily Weakneſs would not permit her to go on foot to Meeting, in the ſame Town where ſhe reſided, ſhe uſed to be carried on Horſeback. She would often ſay, *I love to go to Meetings*; and very much deſired, that all Friends would be as diligent as might be in attending them, while they had Health and Strength.

She was charitably diſpoſed towards the Poor, whom ſhe liberally relieved. She had a great deal of Ilneſs ſome Years before her Death, which ſhe bore with *Chriſtian* Fortitude; and

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would often say, *She should be very willing to die*; but desired, *she might patiently wait the Lord's Time.* One time in her last Illness, she said, *If these bodily Afflictions were over, all would be well, and I shall be where the Weary are at Rest.* She several times said, *I wait for my Change*; and often signified, *the Lord was good to her, and refreshed her Soul in the Night-season, when she could not sleep.* She often pressed her Children and Family to seek the Lord, and to live in his Fear, and to wait for the Guidance of the Spirit of Truth, which is able to preserve out of every evil Way, and will certainly lead them, who truly follow and obey it, through the Troubles of this Life, to Peace and Rest for evermore.

Thus this our worthy Friend, having patiently waited for her Change, and surmounted the Difficulties of Mutability, was gathered, like an Ear of Corn fully ripe, into the Garner of Eternity, in the Eighty eighth Year of her Age, and has left behind her a Memorial of a good Report and sweet Savour, worthy to be followed by her Survivors.

She departed this Life the 31st of the Fifth Month, and was interred in Friends Burying Ground in *Warwick*, the 3d of the Sixth Month 1742.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting at Birmingham *in the County of* Warwick, *concerning* JOSEPH FREETH.

HE was Son of our worthy Friend *Jonathan Freeth*, of *Birmingham* deceaſed. The pious godly Care and Counſel of his Parents in his Education, though not ſtrictly adhered to in his Youth, yet, as he grew in Years, made very deep Impreſſions upon his Mind, which he hath often expreſſed with great Thankfulneſs, both to the Lord and them.

When he left his Parents, he ſettled at *Coventry*, about the Twenty fifth Year of his Age, when it pleaſed the Lord to afford him a freſh Viſitation of his Love, ſo that he became very religious, diligently ſeeking after the Way of Life and Salvation; and, by yielding Obedience, through Faith, unto the Gift of God, he was made Partaker of Life and Peace in our Lord Jeſus Chriſt.

About the Twenty eighth Year of his Age, it pleaſed the Lord to call him to the Work of the Miniſtry; and he being faithful to the heavenly Viſion, preached the Goſpel with Zeal and Fervency. In his Miniſtry he was plain, ſound and powerful; in Supplication fervent. He viſited ſome Meetings in ſeveral Counties

Counties in this Nation, and lately in our own County and the Counties adjacent, much to the Comfort and Satisfaction of Friends.

He was very diligent in attending Meetings for Worſhip and Diſcipline, in ſettling the Affairs of the Church, in which he was of excellent Service, being often cloſely exerciſed in Spirit, that he might witneſs a degree of that Power which Friends were ſo eminently favoured with in their firſt Settlement; in the Senſe whereof, his Counſel was ſolid and weighty. He was particularly inſtrumental, when any undue Warmth appeared, to the reſtoring Calmneſs and Quiet in the Meeting; being earneſtly concerned, that Friends might be influenced by nothing but Love and Zeal for the Truth.

He often viſited both Friends and others, when under Affliction; and in ſuch Opportunities was frequently divinely favoured, to the great Comfort and Conſolation of the Afflicted. He was endued with a good Underſtanding, both in the Things of God, relating to the Good and Welfare of the Soul, and alſo in the Affairs of this Life; ſo that he had great and good Service in both, and many received Benefit thereby.

He was endued with excellent Virtues, being found in admoniſhing, circumſpect and gentle in reproving, tender in adviſing, abounding in Charity, given to Hoſpitality, liberal in communicating, free and careful in Diſtribu-

tions, willing to do Good to all, eſpecially to the Houſhold of Faith, labouring earneſtly for the Proſperity of *Sion*; and, being a Partaker of the like precious Faith with the Elders of old, hath obtained a good Report, being univerſally eſteemed, and his Loſs lamented.

He was a faithful and loving Huſband, a tender Father, a kind and compaſſionate Maſter, a ſincere Friend and good Neighbour.

He had but a few Days Ilneſs, in which he ſignified to ſome Friends about him, *He felt Peace within.* We doubt not but he finiſhed his Courſe with Joy, died in Favour with the Lord, and is at Reſt with the Faithful.

He departed this Life on the 3d Day of the Sixth Month 1742, and was decently buried in Friends Burying Ground, in the City of *Coventry*, the 5th of the ſame. In the Fifty third Year of his Age, a Miniſter about Twenty five Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting at Carliſle, *concerning* THOMAS STORY.

BEING exhorted, in holy Writ, to count thoſe Elders worthy of double Honour, who rule well, and labour in the Word and Doctrine; we think it our Duty, in Love and Eſteem, as well as Juſtice, to the Memory of this our antient, eminent and worthy Friend, to give forth this brief Teſtimony; and that others alſo may be encouraged, by ſuch pious Examples, to embrace the Truth, and perſevere in the Way of Life and Salvation.

He was born at *Juſtice-Town*, near *Carliſle* in *Cumberland*, deſcended of reputable Parents of the Church of *England*, who gave him a liberal Education: But for a farther Acount of this and ſeveral other Particulars, we refer to his *Journal*, and ſhall only ſignify in general, that in the Year 1689, he was convinced of the Truth, and of the inward and ſpiritual Appearance of Chriſt in the Souls of Mankind, for the Completion of their Redemption and Salvation; and about the Year 1693 had a Teſtimony given to bear to the ſame, in the Demonſtration of the Spirit and of Power.

He travelled much, in the Service of the Goſpel, in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*; and alſo in the *Engliſh* Plantations in *America*,

where he was very ſerviceable in ſettling and confirming the Churches, and remained there many Years.

After his Return to *England*, he was often concerned to viſit Friends in divers Places in this Nation, and more particularly at *London*; for being a Man of great Qualifications, and theſe ſanctified, and made inſtrumental by Divine Wiſdom, rendered his Miniſtry very convincing and edifying; ſo that he was acknowledged, not only by our Society, but alſo by other People, to be a truly great and evangelical Miniſter.

When he found it his Place, after ſuch Viſits, to return to us, we received him in ſincere Love and good Unity; being often comforted and refreſhed under his Miniſtry.

Some time before his Death, he was taken with a *Paralytick* Ilneſs, which affected his Speech; after which, he ſeldom appeared in the Miniſtry, ſignifying, *that his Day's Work ſeem'd to be near over.* He continued in a ſweet Frame of Spirit, and attended Meetings when able.

He departed this Life, at *Carliſle*, the 21ſt of the Fourth Month 1742, and was buried in Friends Burying Ground there the 23d of the ſame.

Aged near Eighty, a Miniſter about Fifty Years.

A Supplement

A Supplement to the foregoing Teſtimony, from the Quarterly-meeting of Cumberland.

THE foregoing Teſtimony, concerning our worthy Friend *Thomas Story* deceaſed, was read, duly conſidered and approved. We could freely add, of his Convincement, Travels, Labours and Service in the Miniſtry, and Diſcipline in the Church, but for Brevity's ſake ſhall conclude, and refer to his ſaid *Journal*; only ſignifying, *that he died in good Unity with us.*

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Charlecot *in* Wiltſhire, *concerning* JOAN CALE.

HER Memory is very precious among us, ſhe having been one whom the Lord reached to in her young Years, and viſited with his bleſſed Truth; unto which ſhe gave up in Faithfulneſs, ſoon after her Convincement, which was about the Eighteenth Year of her Age; and, by the Goodneſs of the Almighty, was early brought off from the many deceitful and pleaſing Vanities of the World, to which, ſhe had been before much addicted.

And as ſhe experienced a Growth in the Truth, ſhe ſoon became very ſerviceable in the Church, by her exemplary Virtue, pious Deportment, Plainneſs of Speech, Habit, and Houſhold Furniture. And ſhe was a real Mother in *Iſrael*, in her Care and Support of the Lord's Servants, who travelled in the Service of his bleſſed Truth.

In her Miniſtry ſhe was eminent, and travelled much in this Kingdom; ſhe was very zealous, and laboured earneſtly in recommending Friends and others, to the inward experimental Knowledge of the Life and Power of Religion; and therein, as well as in private Converſation, was fervent in exhorting Friends againſt the Growth of thoſe Thing among us, which tend to weaken and leſſen us as a People; particularly, againſt Superfluity and Gaudineſs of Apparel: And continued lively and edifying in her Teſtimony, when under the Weakneſs of Body that attended her in old Age.

We are fully perſuaded ſhe finiſhed her Courſe well, and that ſhe is at Reſt with the Righteous. She died the 12th of the Second Month 1742, and was buried the 16th of the ſame, in Friends Burying Ground at *Caln*.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Province-meeting at Lurgan *in* Ireland, *concerning* MARY GREER.

SHE was a Woman much eſteemed amongſt us, being of an exemplary Life and Converſation; a Pattern of Plainneſs and Humility; diligent in attending Meetings for the Worſhip of God, duly obſerving the Hour appointed. And although ſhe was not large in Declaration, yet what ſhe had to offer, by way of publick Teſtimony, was often to the Comfort of the Well-minded. She was alſo a good Example in attending our Province-meetings, whilſt of Ability of Body.

She travelled through *Scotland*, and ſome Parts of *England*; alſo viſited ſome Parts of *Leinſter* and *Munſter* Provinces, and we believe her Viſit was well accepted. She was of a ſweet Temper, and laboured much in her own Family in Goſpel Love, that her Children and Servants might be preſerved out of Pride and Idleneſs, and live in the Fear of the Lord; ſo that we fully believe ſhe was faithful in diſcharging her Duty, according to the Gift beſtowed on her. We may truly ſay, ſhe was nearly united in Spirit to us, and generally beloved.

She was a loving Wife, a good Neighbour, being much given to Hoſpitality, and her

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Heart and Houſe were open to entertain Friends.

Having but a few Days Sickneſs, ſhe ſpoke little; but ſome ſhort time before her Departure, her Children being about her, ſhe deſired *they might live in Love one with another.* And although her Removal be a Loſs to her Family and Neighbours, and to the Meeting to which ſhe belonged, yet we are fully ſatisfied it is her great Gain, having done her Day's Work in her Day.

She departed this Life the 9th of the Tenth Month 1742, in the Seventy third Year of her Age, a Miniſter about Thirty ſeven Years.

A Teſtimony concerning GEORGE ROOKE, *from the Quarterly-meeting of* Leinſter *Province in* Ireland,

GEORGE ROOKE, Son of *Thomas Rooke*, was born in the Pariſh of *Bolton* in *Cumberland*, in the Third Month, in the Year 1652. He was educated in the National Profeſſion; but, about the Twentieth Year of his Age, he was convinced of the Truth, preached by that able Miniſter *John Graves*, and joined himſelf in Society with the People called *Quakers*; and proving faithful to the Call of God, was enabled by him to embrace the Croſs, not conforming himſelf to the vain Cuſtoms

Cuſtoms and Faſhions of the World, but endeavouring to be transformed by the Renewing of his Mind: To which End, he was very diligent in attending Meetings for divine Worſhip, being encouraged thereto by the ſpiritual Refreſhment he there met with. And about the Twenty fifth Year of his Age his Mouth was opened, to declare unto others his own Experience of the Lord's Goodneſs, though attended with great Difficulties, Fears, and the Conſciouſneſs of his own Weakneſs; but the good Hand of God, and the Countenance of his ſympathizing Friends, was a great Support to him under that Exerciſe.

He became early engaged in travelling in the Work of the Miniſtry, zealouſly and chearfully devoting his Strength and youthful Days to the Propagation of the Goſpel, and Promotion of Truth and Righteouſneſs in the Earth; being greatly encouraged in theſe Services by the Conſolation that attended them.

In the Year 1679, he went on this Account to *Scotland*, accompanied by *Peter Fearon*, though in a troubleſome and dangerous Time, *viz.* a little before the Fight at *Bothwell-bridge*, the King's Troops, and the Rebels, in ſeveral Places poſſeſſing the Towns through which they paſſed. They travelled on foot, by the Advice of that eminent Elder *George Fox*, becauſe their Horſes might, in all Probability, have been taken from them by one Party or the other, if they had rode; and ſo following

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their Maſter's Buſineſs in the Innocency of the Truth, they were preſerved, and viſited the Meetings of Friends without much Interruption or Diſturbance, and had comfortable Opportunities with them, who were glad of their Viſit, having ſuffered greatly by the Armies.

In the Year 1681, he viſited Friends in all their Meetings in *Scotland* a ſecond time, and the ſame Year came to *Ireland*, and viſited moſt of the Friends through the Nation, and had many ſatisfactory Opportunities with them, who were very loving and reſpectful to him, though he was but young.

In the Year 1684, he viſited Friends in *Ireland* a ſecond time. In the Intervals of his Travels he uſually wrought at his Trade, being a *Carpenter* and *Joiner*, to ſupply his Neceſſities, that he might not be burthenſome to the Church. After his Return from *Ireland* this Year, finding Drawings in his Mind, he viſited Friends in *Weſtmorland* and *Durham*, and at *Stockton*, where he was brought before the Mayor, and the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy were tendered to him; and becauſe for Conſcience-ſake he refuſed to ſwear, he was by him committed Priſoner to *Durham* Goal, and detained there about two Months.

In the Year 1685, he viſited Friends in *Ireland* a third time, accompanied by *John Bowſtead*, and had many comfortable Meetings here, finding a great Openneſs among the

People

People to receive Truth's Teſtimony, and ſome were convinced by Means of their Miniſtry.

In the Year 1686, he came to *Ireland* the fourth time; and after having viſited moſt of the Meetings of Friends in the Nation, he took to Wife *Joan*, the Daughter of *John Cooke*, and ſettled at *Limerick*, ſtill continuing diligent in the Exerciſe of his Gift, to the Edification of the Churches. He went to the next Half-year's Meeting, and from thence to *England*, viſiting Friends in the North and Weſt Parts thereof, and *London* and *Eſſex*.

He continued at *Limerick* in the Year 1689 and 1690, in the troubleſome Times of the Wars between King *William* and King *James*, and during the firſt Seige; but in the Year 1691, before the ſecond Seige, while King *James*'s Army had Poſſeſſion of the City, he removed himſelf and Family to *Cumberland*, having been wonderfully preſerved through great Dangers from the *Rapparees*, who then harboured much in the Way to *Dublin*.

But notwithſtanding all theſe Troubles, he ſtill continued laborious and fervent in Spirit, in viſiting the Meetings of Friends; and in the Year 1692, again viſited the Brethren in *Scotland*. And in the Year 1693 he returned to *Ireland*, and ſettled and continued his Reſidence in *Dublin* the remaining Part of his Life; during which time, whilſt of Ability, he frequently viſited Friends in the three Provinces, and ſometimes had Meetings in Places where no

no Meetings of Friends were ſettled. He alſo ſometimes viſited Friends in divers Parts of *England* and *Wales*, and was frequently at the Yearly-meeting at *London*.

He was a very diligent Attender, not only of Meetings for divine Worſhip, where he was particularly careful in obſerving the Hour appointed, but alſo of thoſe for Diſcipline, and was ſcarce ever abſent, (unleſs when engaged in travelling elſewhere on Truth's Service) from the Province and Quarterly-meetings, until diſabled by Infirmity of Body.

He was a Man of good Underſtanding, though but little School Learning, of a ſweet Temper, in Converſation pleaſant and affable, an affectionate Huſband and Father, a frequent and ſympathizing Viſiter of the Sick: He was a diligent and faithful Miniſter, and his Labours were often crowned with Succeſs to the Convincement of many, ſome of whom proved ſerviceable and eminent in the Church, and to the Edification and Eſtabliſhment of others.

In the Exerciſe of his Gift he was clear, ſolid and lively, even unto extream old Age. In Prayer, living, reverent, weighty and conciſe; in his Deportment, meek and humble, not elevated by his Gifts and good Services; a diligent Reader of the holy Scriptures, and, in his Preaching, a faithful Quoter of them; tender of the Glory of God, and of the Honour of our holy Principle.

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He retained his Integrity, as well as Underſtanding and Memory, to the laſt. And expired the 7th of the Twelfth Month, and was buried in Friends Burying Place in *Dolphin's Barn-lane*, *Dublin*, the 10th of the ſame, in the Year 1742, being the Ninety firſt Year of his Age, and about the Sixty ſeventh of his Miniſtry.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Birmingham, *concerning* ELIZABETH HANDS.

ELIZABETH HANDS, Wife of our worthy Friend *John Hands* of *Warwick*, was born on the 3d Day of the Third Month 1667. Her Father and Mother were both convinced of the bleſſed Truth when ſhe was very young; her Mother being ſoon removed by Death, her Father took Care to educate her in the Principles of Truth, which being attended with a ſteady walking in Faithfulneſs to the divine Diſcoveries made known to her, ſhe was well eſteemed when young.

In the Year 1687 ſhe was married to the aforeſaid *John Hands*; and in the Year 1705 ſhe came forth in publick Miniſtry; in which ſhe faithfully laboured, to the Exhortation, Edification and Comfort of the Church of Chriſt; and though ſhe had a large Family,

was ſometimes drawn forth, in the Love of Truth, to viſit Friends in divers Parts of the Nation: And in her own Family was a good Example, not only of Frugality and Induſtry, for the Support of the ſame, as becomes the Profeſſors of Truth, but alſo of Piety, Virtue and Zeal for the Promotion thereof. Her Stability, Patience and Chearfulneſs, in the cloſeſt Exerciſes and Trials, were very remarkable. She was a true Sympathizer with thoſe in Afflictions, and often viſited ſuch, both among Friends and other Societies, to great Satisfaction and Comfort.

She was frequent in ſecret Retirement, and ſteady in waiting for the Renewal of Strength from above; examplary in diligently attending Meetings both for Worſhip and Diſcipline, in which ſhe was not an indifferent or lukewarm, but a lively Member; and was often attended with Tokens of Fervency in Spirit, and of one travelling in the Deeps, even when bodily Weakneſs and Infirmities lay heavy upon her; which ſtill encreaſing, prevented her going much abroad for ſome conſiderable time before her laſt Ilneſs, which ſhe bore, about two Weeks, with much Fortitude of Mind, and Reſignation to the divine Will, and was gathered like a Shock of Corn in due Seaſon; and is, we doubt not, entered into the Manſions of eternal Reſt and Bliſs.

She departed this Life the 2d Day of the Third Month 1743, and was interred, the 5th of

of the ſame, in Friends Burying Ground in *Warwick*, in the Seventy ſixth Year of her Age. A Miniſter about Thirty eight Years.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Kendal *in the County of* Weſtmorland, *concerning* WILLIAM WILLIAMSON.

HE was the Son of our Friends *Thomas* and *Agnes Williamſon*, of *Bannerig* in the Pariſh of *Windermore*, and County of *Weſtmorland*; born the 7th of the Tenth Month 1684. His Parents were religious, and careful of his Education, which, through divine Aid, had that Effect on him, that as he grew in Years, he grew in Grace, and the ſaving Knowledge of our bleſſed Lord Jeſus Chriſt; for, when but a Child, he witneſſed the Influence of divine Virtue ſo to operate on his Mind, that about the Seventeenth Year of his Age, he came forth in a publick Teſtimony to the Truth, and laboured faithfully therein; travelling through *Cumberland* and *Scotland*, in Company with our Friend *Iſaac Thompſon*, in 1704; and, in the Years 1708 and 1709, with our Friend *Thomas Wilſon*, viſited the Weſtern and Southern Parts of this Nation; frequently attending the Service of the National Meeeting.

He was an able Miniſter of the Goſpel, and a worthy Elder in the Church; his Doctrine was ſound and clear, diſtinguiſhing and dividing the Word aright, according to the various States of thoſe to whom he had to miniſter. In Diſcipline he was ſtrong and weighty, and in the Execution thereof impartial, which procured him conſiderable Regard in the Church. He abounded in Charity and Benevolence, not only to the Society, but his Neighbours and Acquaintance, to whom he was ſingularly uſeful in Advice, and very inſtrumental in helping to accommodate Differences, thereby preventing many injurious and litigious Law-ſuits.

He was devoted to ſerve the Church and his Neighbours, which gained him Eſteem among all ſorts of People; an excellent Example in a diligent Care to attend Meetings, both for Worſhip and Diſcipline, wherein he was grave and ſolid; and when concerned to ſpeak in either, it was with Authority, his Words being ſeaſoned with Grace.

In Converſation he was free and open, without Levity, which gained on all who had the Pleaſure of being intimately acquainted with him; the Conſideration whereof, renders our Loſs the greater, and affects us with Sorrow, though not without Hope, being fully ſatisfied it is his eternal Gain: And therefore are engaged to travail in Soul, and breath forth earneſt and ſtrong Deſires, that the great

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Lord of the Harveſt, who hath raiſed up and qualified many of our antient Worthies in their Day, to preach the everlaſting Goſpel, and promote good Order in the Churches, may raiſe up and qualify many more, to fill up the Places of thoſe who are gone to their Reſt; that the great Work of Reformation may ſtill be carried on, and Righteouſneſs be exalted and cover the Earth.

Our ſaid Friend was ſeized with *Stitches*, and a *Pain in his Breaſt*, in the Fifth Month laſt, which continued and increaſed on him, ſo that he gradually declined; and, being ſenſible that his Departure drew near, frequently expreſſed his Reſignation to the Divine Will; and that, *He found his Love to continue and remain as ſtrong to the Cauſe of Truth as ever*; in which he often deſired to be remembered to his Friends.

He departed this Life, in great Quietneſs, the 21ſt, and was interred in Friends Burying Ground at *Kendal* the 24th of the Ninth Month 1743, in the Fifty ninth Year of his Age, his Corps being attended by a great Concourſe, both of Friends and others, where ſeveral living Teſtimonies were born to the Truth, to the Information and Edification of many. And as he was generally reſpected, ſo the Loſs of him, as appeared by the Countenances of moſt preſent, was as generally lamented.

A Miniſter about Forty two Years.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Richmond *in* Yorkſhire, *concerning* JOHN FOTHERGILL.

ALTHOUGH our dear and well eſteemed Friend *John Fothergill*, removed himſelf and Family from within the Compaſs of our Monthly-meeting, about eight Years before his Deceaſe, and that moſt of our ancient Friends, who were of the foremoſt Rank, and knew his Birth and Education, are removed; yet inaſmuch as divers of us (though the greateſt Part of a younger Generation) have been well acquainted with him for many Years, and favoured with ſitting under many powerful and living Teſtimonies, delivered by him when amongſt us, we have good reaſon to believe he was one whom the Lord, in his Wiſdom, ſaw good to make uſe of for the Work of the Goſpel, and fitted and qualified him by his holy Spirit, and called him forth, when but young, to publiſh the glad Tidings thereof in many Places; to which divine and inward Call and holy Requiring, he readily gave up, and anſwered in Obedience, and ſuffered not the Things of this World to take up his Mind and Time, but in true Fervency of Zeal, and Love for the Cauſe of God, he ſpent the Prime of his Time in viſiting the Churches, when

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and where he was pleaſed to draw him; and by his Faithfulneſs and unwearied Labours, he improved in his Gift, and grew eminent in his Service, and more and more in Favour with God, and eſteemed by his People; always having a Regard to the well approved Practice of duly acquainting his Friends, and having their Unity and Approbation made known by Certificate. And right careful he was to perform the Service required with as much Expedition as poſſible, chooſing rather to take Hardſhip to himſelf, than to be burthenſome to Friends.

And in the Proceſs of Time, he was brought under an Engagement of Soul to viſit divers of the *American* Plantations; which, through the Goodneſs and favourable Support of that divine Power which influenced his Heart, and required the Service, he was enabled to perform three ſeveral times; and good reaſon we have to believe, that in them all he diſcharged himſelf honeſtly; his Chearfulneſs, and comfortable Accounts at his Returns, ſeemed to manifeſt it fully.

He alſo found it his Concern to viſit Friends in *Scotland* and *Ireland* ſeveral times, and had good Service for the Lord.

His Teſtimony was living and ſound, delivered in Demonſtration of divine Authority; for he handled not the Word deceitfully, nor endeavoured to pleaſe itching Ears, or high and airy Diſpoſitions; but like a ſkilful Work-

man and true Servant of Jeſus Chriſt, waited to be renewedly endowed with Power from on high, by which he was directed to divide the Word aright, and ſpeak home to the States and Conditions of the People; whereby he approved himſelf faithful and juſt both to God and Man.

He was one that ſhewed his Moderation in uſing the Neceſſaries of Life, which, together with his Plainneſs, Humility and Sincerity, rendered his Miniſtry the more acceptable and convincing. He was a Man zealouſly concerned for good Order, and keeping up the Diſcipline of the Church, and had a good Underſtanding reſpecting the Management of its Affairs in our Monthly, Quarterly and Yearly-meetings; of all which, he was a diligent Attender when at home or in this Nation, and we believe had good Service therein. He was a Man kind and aſſiſting to his Friends by good Admonition, *&c.* He was pleaſant and helpful to his Neighbours when Occaſion required; alſo a Man of Skill and Induſtry in managing his temporal Affairs for the Benefit of his Family, over which he had a true Paternal Care; ſo that it may well be ſaid, he was a kind Huſband, and tender Father. His Prudence and Diſcretion gained the Eſteem of Perſons of ſuperior Stations in the World.

More might be added concerning the Goodneſs of God manifeſted to him in ſeveral Reſpects,

Reſpects, and his Faithfulneſs and Diligence in the Performance of the Work of his Day; but having nothing in View, but that his Memory may remain amongſt the Righteous, for an Encouragement to Faithfulneſs, and that the worthy Name of the Almighty may be praiſed and magnified for ever and ever, ſhall conclude with Deſires, that the great Lord of the Harveſt may be pleaſed to raiſe up and ſend forth many more ſuch faithful Labourers in his Power.

A Teſtimony from Knareſborough *Monthly-meeting, concerning* JOHN FOTHERGILL.

PRECIOUS in the Eyes of the Lord is the Death of his Saints, who are delivered from the Evils and Dangers of Mortality; and precious alſo, in the Eyes of his People, is the Remembrance of them, and of their Labours and Services for promoting the Good of Souls, and the ſhewing forth of the divine Glory; of which Number was our worthy and much eſteemed Friend *John Fothergill*, who was religiouſly educated by his godly Parents; but in his early Years, being made ſenſible that neither Tradition, outward Regularity, nor any thing ſhort of inward Purification of Soul and Spirit, would render him acceptable in the Sight of the Lord, he gave up his Heart to him, who, through the effectual

Operation of his divine Grace, baptized and gradually purified his Spirit, and prepared and qualified him to be an able Miniſter of the Goſpel of Peace and Salvation, who could tell to others, what the Lord had done for his Soul; which he did with an holy Zeal and Fervour, becoming ſuch as have a deep and weighty Senſe of the Value of Souls, the Dangers and Snares they are environ'd with in this State of Probation, and the awful Majeſty of the divine Being; by the bleſſed Teachings of whoſe holy Spirit, he grew in Experience in the Myſteries of the heavenly Kingdom; and alſo diſcovered the myſterious Workings of Satan in Oppoſition thereto: Thus qualified, he was frequently employed in detecting his Snares, in pointing out and directing to the Way that leads ſafely to eternal Reſt. He was quick of Apprehenſion, and of an extenſive Capacity and deep Judgment, and could expreſs himſelf aptly and ſtrongly. That holy Power which cut *Rahab*, and wounded the Dragon, made him, at times, as a ſharp Sword againſt Hypocriſy and Wickedneſs, and thoſe that held the Truth in Unrighteouſneſs.

He was a near Sympathizer with the Afflicted, a ſteady Way-mark to thoſe that were travelling towards *Sion*, having frequently ſuitable Advice and Conſolation to adminiſter unto ſuch; ſo that he might be truly called a nurſing Father over thoſe he believed were born of God. He turned not his Back in the

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Day of Battle; was a Son of Thunder, and alſo of Conſolation; had an awakening, living and edifying Teſtimony, wherein he laboured diligently and faithfully, from his firſt being anointed in his young Years, to the Concluſion of his Days.

He travelled much in this Nation in the Service of the Goſpel, ſometimes in *Scotland*, ſeveral times in *Ireland* and *Wales*, and thrice in *America*, to the Comfort and Edification of the Church, leaving Seals of his Miniſtry in many Places; though in the latter Part of his time attended with great bodily Afflictions, under which he viſited ſeveral Places in this Nation.

He was indeed a Man remarkably qualified and furniſhed, both for Church Diſcipline and the preaching of the everlaſting glorious Goſpel; and of very peculiar Service in Monthly, Quarterly, and General-meetings, wherein he approved himſelf a wiſe and able Counſellor, and was alſo a diligent Attender of the ſame. He was exemplary in Converſation, Plainneſs, Temperance, Vigilance and Fortitude, enduring Afflictions, doing the Work of an Evangeliſt, making full Proof of his Miniſtry, being a Workman that needed not to be aſhamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. In ſhort, he was a ſincere hearted *Chriſtian*, a living Miniſter, a faithful Friend, a loving Huſband, an affectionate Father; and it is our Faith and firm Belief, he died in the Lord, hath reſted

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from his Labours, and his Works do follow him, who being dead yet ſpeaketh.

He departed this Life at *Knareſborough* aforeſaid, the 13th of the Eleventh Month 1744, and was honourable buried in Friends Burying Ground at *Scotten*, near the ſaid Town, the 15th of the ſame. Aged Sixty nine Years, having been a Miniſter near Fifty Years.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Norwich, *concerning* THOMAS WHITE.

HE was born, in or about the Year 1676, in this City. His Parents being of the Church of *England*, educated him in that Way; but as he grew up to Man's Eſtate, finding ſtill a Want in himſelf, and a Deſire after a nearer Acquaintance with God, his Mind was diſpoſed to look into ſeveral religious Societies, and at length became convinced of the Truth.

After ſome time, having walked in an exemplary manner, it pleaſed God to give him a Diſpenſation of the Goſpel to preach, and indeed he became excellently gifted; and what made him appear the more ſo, his Education was ſo low, that he could ſcarcely read; yet he afterwards attained to a great Knowledge of the Scriptures; and this, accompanied with ſound Judgment, and a good Experience of God's

God's Dealings with his Soul, made him eminently ſerviceable in the Church, to the building up of many in the moſt holy Faith, and likewiſe in convincing ſeveral; ſo that many were the Seals of his Miniſtry. And we have to ſay of him, that he was a faithful Labourer, whilſt his Strength remained, in the Cauſe of God, nothing delighting him more than the Proſperity of Truth, and beholding the Children of Friends coming up in the Nobility thereof; to whom he was often drawn forth in a very affectionate manner, both in our publick Meetings, and in private Converſation.

When he ſaw any running out into ſuch Liberties as our holy Profeſſion did not allow of, being aſhamed of the Plainneſs and Simplicity thereof, and thereby ſhunning the Croſs, he would labour with ſuch in great Love and Affection, that they might ſee their Miſtake, and the Tendency thereof.

He was zealouſly concerned, that Love and Unity might be preſerved amongſt us, and that Friends would watch againſt every thing that might have a Tendency to the contrary, knowing our Strength is therein; and ſo far as that Knot becomes looſed, ſo far we become weakened: To the laſt of his Miniſterial Service he was very preſſing thereunto, and that all might be concerned to end where they began, *in Love.*

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He was often drawn forth to viſit the Churches in this Nation, and once through *Scotland*, in Company with our dear Friend *Iſaac Pickerell*; he alſo viſited the Meetings of Friends in *Wales*; in all which Places, we have reaſon to believe, from the Accounts received, his Labours were both acceptable and ſerviceable.

He was always careful, before he undertook any Journey, to have his Affairs in good Order at home, that every Thing in that Reſpect might be ſavoury and of good Report amongſt his Neighbours; and when his Service was over, he haſted back to his Family again, and applied himſelf with great Induſtry for the Support thereof.

Some few Years before he died, a very cloſe Trial befel him in his own Family, which much affected his Spirits; and though Friends were very tenderly concerned for him, and that he might be preſerved in his Service as before, yet his Weakneſs rather increaſed, till his Health became very much impaired, and his Underſtanding weakened; ſo that we ſuffered the Loſs of him in our Meetings ſome time before his Death, of which we were very ſenſible.

His laſt Ilneſs was ſhort; an Alteration appearing, that threatened his Diſſolution, on the 26th of the Eleventh Month 1744, and the Night following he breathed his laſt. And we are well ſatisfied he now enjoys the Reward

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of his faithful Labours, his Soul being at Peace with God in his Kingdom, where the Righteous reſt, and Sorrowing is no more.

Aged about Sixty nine, a Miniſter upwards of Forty Years.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Giſborough *in* Yorkſhire, *concerning* MARY SNOWDEN.

SHE was a Woman of a tender and affectionate Spirit, much given to Hoſpitality; charitably diſpoſed to the Poor; often viſiting and ſympathizing with thoſe under Affliction; and was induſtrious to keep up good Order in the Church, amongſt her own Sex, often ſhewing her Diſlike of *Self-righteouſneſs* in religious Performances.

In the Miniſtry ſhe was not large, yet ſound and edifying; not being forward to appear in a publick Way, but waiting till ſhe found herſelf under a Neceſſity.

In her laſt Ilneſs, which was long and tedious, ſhe was deprived of the Uſe of her Limbs for a conſiderable time, and attended with great Pain and inward Weakneſs, yet ſhe behaved with much *Chriſtian* Patience; often gave good Advice to Friends and others, and was many times favoured with divine Conſolation,

tion, which was her greateſt Support in times of Diſtreſs.

Near the time of her Departure, being in full Reſignation and Tranquility of Mind, ſhe expreſſed, in much Sweetneſs, a great Regard *for the Proſperity of Truth*; and ſeemed to be ſatisfied, *it would yet ſtand, though ſome of its Profeſſors were in a declining Way*: And added, *I am now in ſome meaſure favoured with a Taſte of eternal Joys; and whether Life or Death, it will be well*; with many more Heavenly Expreſſions. So we are induced to believe, ſhe had a firm Hope of a glorious Change, and is now at Reſt with the Lord.

She died on the 10th of the Sixth Month 1745, and was decently buried in Friends Burying Ground at *Kirkby-moor-ſide*, in the Fifty ſeventh Year of her Age. A Miniſter about Twenty Years.

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A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Brighouſe *in* Yorkſhire, *concerning* TABITHA HORNOR.

OUR dear and worthy Friend *Tabitha Hornor*, was Daughter of the late *Benjamin Hornor* of *Leeds*, Merchant, and *Chriſtiana* his Wife, by whom ſhe was favoured with a religious Education; during which, it ſoon appeared that ſhe was endowed with an extraordinary Capacity, and in a ſhort time, made conſiderable Advances in ſundry Parts of uſeful Learning; which Abilities, in proceſs of time, were greatly improved by the bleſſed Work of Religion upon her Mind; having in her early Days embraced the Tenders of divine Love, and undergone ſundry Diſpenſations of Almighty God, in order for her farther Growth and Experience in the great Myſtery of Godlineſs, ſhe became well qualified to perform the great and good Work whereunto ſhe was called.

About the Year 1722, ſhe was firſt engaged in the Work of the Miniſtry, wherein ſhe ſoon approved herſelf a Workwoman that needed not to be aſhamed, and laboured amongſt us with conſiderable Openneſs and Acceptance. And as ſhe increaſed in the Gift, by the Increaſe of God, ſhe became a living

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and powerful Inſtrument, and was often called forth to viſit the Churches; once in *Ireland*, once into *Scotland*, twice in *Wales*, and ſeveral times through moſt Parts of this Nation. In all which, we have good reaſon to believe her Miniſtry was well received, being in the Demonſtration of the Power and Spirit of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, and often had its intended Effect: The Gainſayers were reproved, the Careleſs and Negligent admoniſhed, the Babes repleniſhed, and the Weak confirmed: For indeed the Spirit of the Lord God was renewedly upon her, and ſhe was graciouſly anointed to preach the Goſpel to the Poor.

Nor was this her only Province in the Church, being ſingularly ſerviceable in the Preparitive, Monthly and Quarterly Womens Meetings; in which ſhe laboured to promote good Order, with a Diſpoſition truly *Chriſtian*, which rendered her Services therein not only acceptable, but oftentimes effectual.

Her private Life was ſo worthy of Imitation, that ſhould we take no Notice of it, we ſhould be wanting to Friendſhip and Gratitude. She was affectionately dutiful to her Parents, a kind and ſympathizing Siſter, and particularly ſerviceable in managing ſundry Affairs which, after her Father's and Brother's Deceaſe, principally fell to her ſhare. In Friendſhip ſhe was warm and ſincere; and as ſhe was juſtly prudent in the Choice of her Intimates, held

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the Unity in the one Spirit. She was not only capable to adviſe in difficult Caſes, but ready to aſſiſt when ſhe found it neceſſary; and very liberal to the Poor: All which, with a prudent and virtuous Life and Converſation, did not a little inforce her many great and publick Services.

We cannot therefore avoid being deeply affected with the Loſs we, in particular, and the Church in general, have ſuſtained, humbly imploring Almighty God, the great Lord and Maſter of our Aſſemblies, to raiſe up and qualify many more ſuch able and faithful Inſtruments, for the Honour of his Name, and a Bleſſing to his Church; that all in the End might receive the welcome Commendation of *well done*, and become intituled to a Crown of immortal Glory, as we doubt not, but this our dear and worthy Friend is called hence to inherit.

She departed this Life the 16th of the Twelfth Month 1746, and was buried in Friends Burying Ground in *Meadow-lane, Leeds*, the 19th of the ſame, whither her Remains were accompanied by a great Number of Friends and others; and after the Interment a Meeting was held, which was very large, and attended with a Stilneſs and Gravity well becoming the Solemnity of the Occaſion, and ſeveral Teſtimonies born to general Satisfaction.

Aged near Fifty two, a Miniſter about Twenty four Years.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Brigflats *in* Sedbergh, *concerning* CHRISTOPHER MASON.

HE was born in the Pariſh of *Sedbergh*, and County of *York*, deſcended of honeſt religious Parents, who carefully educated him in the Way of Truth; and as he grew in Years he grew in Grace, being obedient thereto, by which his Underſtanding was opened and enlarged; and about the Twenty fifth Year of his Age he appeared in a publick Teſtimony, to his Friends Satisfaction; and often viſited Friends in the ſaid County, as alſo ſeveral adjacent Counties.

His Miniſtry was freſh and living, and well eſteemed where he travelled. He was a Pattern of great Humility, and adorned his Teſtimony with an holy ſelf-denying Life and Converſation; of a meek and quiet Spirit, labouring much to promote Peace in the Churches of Chriſt; extenſive in Charity, yet far from countenancing undue Liberty in any; conſtant in attending Firſt and Week-day Meetings; often ſaying, *that to feel the Enjoyment of the Lord's good Preſence, was his greateſt Delight.*

He often viſited his Friends and Neighbours in Affliction, and was of great Strength and Encouragement to ſuch as were ready to droop under

under their Troubles, having paſſed through many himſelf. It may well be ſaid, he was ſtrong in true Faith; for though his Circumſtance was narrow, as to the Things of this Life, he would often ſay, *I have enough, and ſhall never want.* His great and conſtant Care was for Heavenly Treaſure; and he had as much of the Treaſure of this World as gave him full Content in that Reſpect; for which he was thankful to God the Fountain of all his Mercies.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Stourbridge *in the County of* Worceſter, *concerning* HENRY PAYTON.

HE was born in the Town of *Dudley*, in the County of *Worceſter*, and educated according to our Principles, his Father being a publick Friend. He was early viſited of the Lord, and faithfully gave up to bear a Teſtimony for his Truth, dedicating the Flower of his Age to the Service of God and his Church.

He was endowed with a good natural Capacity; and, by the ſupernatural Illumination of the divine Spirit in his Soul, became an able Miniſter of the Word of Life. He travelled much in his younger Years, viſiting Meetings in this Kingdom, as alſo in *Scotland*, *Ireland*, and the *American* Plantations, with the Unity and

Approbation of Friends here; and what he had to deliver was well accepted, his Conduct correſponding with his Preaching.

In his Converſation he was rather reſerved than talkative; and, in Proportion to his Ability, extenſively charitable to the Neceſſitous, whether Friends or others. He was an affectionate Huſband, a tender Father, a good Neighbour, and a ſincere and valuable Friend. And though in his latter Years he was much afflicted with bodily Infirmities, ſo that his publick Service in the Church was thereby prevented, yet he retained his Integrity to his Maker to the laſt; and would often exhort his Family, above all Things, *ſtrictly to regard the internal Dictates of the Divine Monitor, which can never be removed into a Corner; which would be a Guide to them in all the Duties of their ſeveral Stations*: And then, *to obſerve all the good Orders eſtabliſhed in our Society; by which they would come to enjoy that Peace and Serenity of Mind which the Righteous poſſeſs, in this preſent Life, as an Earneſt of that eternal Felicity, which the great Lord and Governor of the World hath prepared for all them who truly love and fear him.*

Much more might be related of this our worthy Friend, but we rather chuſe Brevity, and only further inform you, that he departed this Life, in a quiet reſigned Frame of Spirit, the 29th of the Seventh Month 1746, aged near Seventy five Years. His Body was interred

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in Friends Burying Ground in *Dudley*, the 1ſt of the Eighth Month, being attended by a great Number of Friends and others, when divers living Teſtimonies were delivered.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting in Monmouthſhire, *concerning* EVAN BEVAN.

Mark the perfect Man, and behold the Upright, for the End of that Man is Peace. Pſal. xxxvii. 37.

THE 17th Day of the Second Month 1746, departed this Life our dear, worthy, innocent Friend, Miniſter and Elder, *Evan Bevan*, aged about Sixty ſeven Years. His Father's Name was *Charles Bevan*, of *Lantwit Vardre* in *Glamorganſhire*, who gave him a liberal Education at *Oxford*, where he made a great Progreſs in various Parts of Literature.

After he left *Oxford*, being duly qualified, he practiſed the Law in *Glamorganſhire*, where he ſerved and executed the Office of Deputy-Sheriff with much Reputation; yet, after ſome time, it pleaſed Divine Providence to viſit our ſaid Friend in an extraordinary manner, he being caſt down, as into the Deep, in Anguiſh and Sorrow, until after long Mourning and various Baptizings, the Lord was pleaſed in Mercy to bind up the bruiſed Reed with

Strength, ſo that he ſeemed to be brought forth pure as Gold ſeven times refined, and made a choſen Veſſel. And finding Unity in his Spirit with thoſe of the Society called *Quakers*, he joined himſelf in Fellowſhip with them; as appears more fully by an Epiſtle of his, publiſhed in *Sewel's* Hiſtory of the *Quakers*, page 705, under the Name of *Evan Jevens*.

He was concerned as a Miniſter about Twenty Years, not made ſo by Man, altho' he was brought up in the Languages and Sciences of Men, but by a real Experience of the Power of Truth, and through the Demonſtration of the Goſpel.

Oh! in what an awful weighty Frame of Mind we have ſeen him ſit in Meetings, ſolidly feeding on the Bread of Life, which the World knows not of; and when Words flowed from his Lips, they were ſweet as the Honey-comb, and ſeaſoned with the divine Salt; which, with his innocent Deportment, affected the Hearts of the Hearers, unleſs grown cold through the Love of the World.

He was preſſing with Friends, *to be faithful towards God, in the various Branches of our* Chriſtian *Teſtimony*; eſpecially, *to keep clear from that* Antichriſtian *Yoke of Tithes; the upholding whereof, is an indirect Denial of the Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, who, by the one acceptable Sacrifice of the offering himſelf upon the Croſs, made Atonement to God*

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the Father, brought Mankind from under the Law, and put an End thereto, with all Types and Shadows. He would often remind Friends *to be thankful to God, for the manifold Mercies received and enjoyed; more eſpecially in this time of our uninterrupted meeting together, in order to perform divine Worſhip*; and likewiſe, *to conſider what Hardſhips and Sufferings our worthy Antients were expoſed to on this Account.*

His Words were few and ſavoury, his Teſtimony ſhort; which was a Wonder to ſuch as knew him, and expected long Diſcourſes, and eloquent Orations; yet he, through divine Aſſiſtance, confounded the Wiſdom of the Wiſe of this World, who therein know not God. He would moſt Nights wait in ſilence, together with his Family, and the Scholars who lodged with him, and would adviſe them to that Practice, laying before them *the Benefit thence accruing.*

He kept a School in Friends Meeting-houſe in *Pontimoyle*, for about Thirty five Years, and conſcientiouſly refuſed to teach any of the *Heathen* Authors; however, he brought up many in the uſeful Parts of Literature, as *Latin*, *Greek*, and *Geography*, with various Branches of the *Mathematicks*; moſt of which time he was Clerk to our Meeting, and was a tender nurſing Father in *Iſrael*; very condeſcending and forbearing with thoſe who, by undue Meaſures, had juſtly deſerved the Cenſures of the Church. Sometimes his mild

Behaviour has reached and convinced the Diſobedient, and brought them to a Senſe of their Out-goings.

We do not remember, that he miſt the Opportunity of one Meeting, unleſs through Sickneſs. He had a great Love for Friends, and would viſit thoſe who were indiſpoſed. We had intire Love and Goodwill to him, as a cordial, ſincere Friend, and as an Elder and Pillar in the Church, who was worthy of double Honour. His Memory is dear to us, and, being dead, he yet ſpeaketh. He did not lord it over the Church, although his Knowledge and Wiſdom, both ſpiritual and natural, might have entituled him to bear rule; but being clothed with the Spirit of Meekneſs and Patience, he would condeſcend to the weakeſt Member, in Charity, Goodwill and pure Love; thereby plainly demonſtrating whoſe Diſciple he was: Yea, a noble Pattern and Example was he: His Conduct kept pace with his Doctrine, and with the Principles he made a Profeſſion of. He was no Reſpecter of Perſons, yet his Converſation was free and agreeable, chiefly tending to Inſtruction and Edification.

He having denied himſelf, and taken up the Croſs, to the Riches, Honours and Preferments of this World, with the Pomps and Pleaſures thereof, deſpiſed the Shame, looking forward, in Patience, to the Prize of the high Calling in Chriſt Jeſus, which is the Recompence of Reward; in Hope of which, the humble

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contrite Soul is enabled to perſevere in Fear unto the End.

We queſtion not, but our Loſs is his great Gain; and that now his Spirit enjoys the Crown of Reſt and Peace, which is laid up in ſtore for the Righteous in the Manſions of Glory, where there needs not the Light of the Sun or Moon, for the Glory of God is the Light thereof.

His Body was interred in Friends Burying Ground at *Pontimoyle*, and was attended to the Grave with Decency and Gravity, by a great Number of moſt Perſwaſions and Degrees.

A Teſtimony from the Yearly-meeting at Aberdeen, *concerning* ROBERT BARCLAY.

ROBERT BARCLAY, of *Ury*, eldeſt Son of the Author of the APOLOGY, was born at *Aberdeen* the 25th of the Firſt Month 1672.

As he had the Advantage of the Precepts and Example of his worthy Father and Mother, as well as that of his Grand-father, ſo it made a ſenſible Impreſſion upon him, in his early Years, much to their Comfort. He was ſcarce out of his Infancy, when he diſcovered an Heart devoted to Religion. After he had been a while educated at home, in the Eleventh Year of his Age he accompanied his Parents

Parents to *London*, where he became acquainted with *George Fox*, and other eminent Friends, who rejoiced to ſee ſo hopeful an Appearance in the Son of ſo worthy and honourable a Father. He was, at that time, left to the Tuition of *George Keith*, to be educated with him at his School at *Theobalds*, where he remained about a Year, and then returned to *Scotland*.

In his Sixteenth Year, he went again with his Father to *London*: Having been a conſiderable time at *Windſor*, at the King's Court, where, on Account of his Father's Intereſt, which created many Dependents, he was much careſſed; yet then, as well as through his whole Life, his Converſation was clean and void of Offence; and he may be truly ſaid, *to have remembered his Creator in the Days of his Youth.*

It was eſpecially obſerved, after his Father's Death, that as he grew in Years, he dedicated himſelf more particularly to the great Work of Religion; which Concern ever remained with him.

About the Twenty ſecond Year of his Age, his Mouth was opened in a publick Manner to praiſe his Maker, and to preach the everlaſting Goſpel; which he continued to do to the End of his Time, being upwards of Seventy five Years old.

As he had a ſerious and living Senſe of Religion, ſo he laboured to propagate the ſame

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in others; and his humble, meek Behaviour, his remarkable Charity to the Poor, and other amiable Qualities, correſponded well with his Doctrine. His Teſtimonies were not tedious to the Hearers, nor unſeaſonably delivered; what he ſaid, being the Effect of his Duty, knowing he was anſwerable for the Talents received.

He often viſited Friends in *London*, and ſeveral Parts of *England* and *Scotland*: Once he went with *Andrew Jaffray*, by *Inverneſs*, to the *High-lands*, having Meetings as they paſſed along, where no Friends had ever been before. He never flinched from what he was convinced was his Duty; particularly, at the publick Meeting-place of the Pariſh where he lived in, where he was concerned, *to warn the People to come out of their Forms, and turn to Jeſus Chriſt, whom, if they did look unto in Faith, they ſhould as certainly be healed, as thoſe of old were, who looked in Faith towards the brazen Serpent which* Moſes *cauſed to be lifted up in the Wilderneſs.*

In the Year 1708, one *Garden*, a learned and much followed Preacher at *Aberdeen*, tainted with *Bourignoniſm*, having in his Writings inveighed againſt Friends Principles, *Robert Barclay* wrote a notable Anſwer, intituled, *A ſerious Addreſs to the well-meaning Followers of* ANTONIA BOURIGNON; which had ſo good an Effect, being printed and diſperſed among a great many, that the Sect afterward dwindled much away.

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About the Seventieth Year of his Age, he wrote a ſmall Treatiſe concerning FAITH; and after his Death there was found about a Sheet of Paper, wrote with his own Hand, upon CHARITY. It was thought his Sickneſs prevented his enlarging upon ſo good a Subject; for about two Years ago he contracted a Weakneſs, from which he never quite recover'd; though, when he was able, was diligent in viſiting the Meetings of Friends, in the adjacent Places, and in a ſincere meek Frame of Mind waited for his Change; and when much afflicted with Sickneſs, he uſed to repeat,—*Not his, but the Lord's Will be done in every Thing*: And a ſhort Space before he was Speechleſs, one ſtanding by his Bedſide whiſpered to another, thinking he had not heard it, that *ſhe was ſurpriſed to feel ſuch a Sweat upon him*; he anſwered, as with a ſtrong Voice, *This is the Sweat that comes before Death; and I ſhall now ſoon be among the Spirits of juſt Men made perfect.* Which was among the laſt of his Expreſſions; for he afterwards ſlept away, and expired about the ſeventh Hour in the Morning of the 27th of the Firſt Month, at his Houſe of *Springhall*, and was interred on the 1ſt of the Second Month 1747, in the Family's Burying Place, in the Preſence of moſt Friends in the North of this Kingdom, with ſeveral of the Gentry who were his Relations, and alſo his own Tenants, in the plain decent Manner he himſelf preſcribed.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Leominſter *in* Herefordſhire, *concerning* WILLIAM OSBORN.

HAVING a Concern to ſay ſomething in remembrance of our worthy deceaſed Friend and Elder, *William Oſborn*, we hope it will be edifying to others, as he was well known to be a ſound and powerful Goſpel Miniſter; and ſo careful not to move without, or exceed his Commiſſion, as rendered him truly a good Example.

He was alſo of ſuch an exemplary, ſweet, inoffenſive and ſelf-denying Life, as demonſtrated him to be a true Follower of the holy Lamb of God; and made an intimate Acquaintance with him very pleaſant, as ſeveral of us can witneſs; to whom, in his laſt Illneſs, he ſpoke very incouragingly *of the Goodneſs of God*, and expreſſed a particular Satisfaction *in bearing a faithful Teſtimony againſt the Payment of Tithes*; on which Account he had been a great Sufferer.

He is, we doubt not, entered into eternal Reſt with the Bleſſed, and his Memory remains dear to us. He departed this Life the 15th of the Eighth Month 1747. Aged about Seventy eight, a Miniſter upwards of Forty Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Hitchin *in the County of* Hertford, *concerning* MARY RANSOM.

WE think it incumbent on us to give in this Teſtimony concerning our dear and worthy Friend *Mary Ranſom* of *Hitchin*, deceaſed, who was educated, and reſted in the meer Profeſſion of the Truth, till about the Twenty firſt Year of her Age; when it pleaſed the Lord to awaken her by the powerful Viſitation of his Love, by which ſhe became inwardly convinced of Sin, feeling the Terrors of the Lord for it; and being made ſenſible that the Axe muſt be laid to the Root of the corrupt Tree, and that every Plant, which was not of the Heavenly Father's planting, muſt be rooted up, became willing, in the Day of his Power, to deny herſelf of thoſe captivating Baits of youthful Pleaſure and Vanity, which had before but too far betrayed her, into a Conformity to the vain Cuſtoms and Faſhions of this preſent evil World.

But when it pleaſed God to reveal his Son in her, and to give her an effectual Touch and Call by his Grace, ſhe plainly ſaw, no Fig-leave Covering of a formal Profeſſion, no Excuſe nor Delay, no Reaſoning with Fleſh and Blood, would avail in his Sight, before whom all

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Things are open and naked, who is a jealous God, and will not admit of any Rival in the Minds of his Servants; ſo that being brought into the Obedience of the Croſs, ſhe knew it to be an acceptable Time, and a Day of Salvation to her Soul; ſo that thoſe Things which had been taking to the natural Part, now became to her as Droſs and Dung, that ſhe might win Chriſt, and be eſpouſed to him, the Bridegroom of her Soul, in the Covenant of Life and Peace. And as the Lord was thus pleaſed to reach and viſit her, in her young and tender Years, it appeared by her future Progreſs, that the Grace of God was not beſtowed on her in vain; for as ſhe was faithful in the little received, it was bleſſed with an heavenly Increaſe; ſo that having her Candle lighted, her Houſe ſwept and ſet in order, ſhe was then able to call to others to rejoice with her, ſaying, *Come and feel the Weight of that Power, and ſee that Light that has ſhewed me all that ever I have done, is not this the Chriſt?*

She ſoon became ſkilful in the Word of Righteouſneſs, and an able Miniſter of the everlaſting Goſpel; being of ſtrong natural Faculties, and theſe truly ſanctified by the Heavenly Gift, render'd her Miniſtry the more acceptable. Her Miniſtry was plain and powerful, and had often a very great Reach on the Meeting, and tended very much to gather the Minds of People to the Gift of God in themſelves.

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She had a Gift of Diſcerning ſurpaſſing many; ſo that the Wolf in Sheep's Clothing ſcarcely eſcaped when it came in her Way; which was manifeſted by her reprehending and detecting many Impoſtors, in the Authority of the Truth.

She travelled in the Labour of the Goſpel, when young, into the North of *England* and *Scotland*; alſo into the Weſt and Eaſtern Parts of this Nation, and into divers adjacent Counties; and often to the City of *London*: In which Viſits we believe ſhe had good Service.

She was an excellent Example in attending Meetings for Worſhip, both on Firſt and other Days, and a diligent Promoter of wholſome Diſcipline and good Order in the Church; for which ſhe had a peculiar Talent, being as careful to prevent Differences, as ſhe was to heal and compoſe them. She was valiant for the Truth upon Earth, and not afraid to face its Enemies; yet although ſhe was bold in the Lord's Cauſe, in this ſhe manifeſted herſelf a Diſciple of Jeſus, in that ſhe was clothed with a meek and quiet Spirit.

She has often refreſhed the Lord's Servants in their Travels, being always deſirous, in Concurrence with her Huſband, to entertain Strangers, and always to aſſiſt and help them.

She was an affectionate Wife, a loving Mother, and a kind Neighbour; ſo that her Removal will be ſenſibly felt by many, in whoſe

whoſe Minds her Memory is ſweet, and her Teſtimony ſtill lives.

Towards the latter Part of her time, ſhe laboured under many Infirmities and great Afflictions of Body, which ſhe bore with a becoming Reſignation of Mind; often commemorating the Goodneſs and Mercy of God to her in her young Years, and continued to her till the Decline of Life; expreſſing her great Satisfaction, *that ſhe had done her Day's Work in the Day time.* So quietly departed this Life in Peace with the Lord, and in Unity with his People, the 4th Day of the Tenth Month 1747, and was buried in Friends Burial Ground at *Hitchin* the 9th Day following. Aged about Sixty five, a Miniſter about Forty Years.

The Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Edenderry *in* Ireland, *concerning* MONGO BEWLEY.

A Teſtimony lives in our Hearts, to the Memory of this faithful Elder and Miniſter of Chriſt, his Removal being a great Loſs to the Church in general, and to us in particular; having devoted himſelf to the Service of Chriſt our Lord, leaving all for his ſake when called thereto, and freely giving up

himſelf to ſpend and be ſpent for the Promotion of Piety in the Earth.

He was Son of *Thomas* and *Margaret Bewley*, of *Woodhall* in *Cumberland*; born the 3d of the Fourth Month 1677. He was favoured in his young Years with a tender Viſitation of the Love of God: And ſo great became his Concern to get out to Week-day Meetings, that we find, among his Papers, one which was written by him, in the time of his Apprenticeſhip, to his Maſter; earneſtly requeſting, *either to know his Work, that he might make Preparation againſt the Meeting-time, or be allowed to pay for the Time, after his Apprenticeſhip expired.*

He came over into this Nation, and ſettled within the Compaſs of this Meeting; and as he farther grew in the ſaving Knowledge of the Truth, he received a Diſpenſation of the Goſpel, not long after his coming hither, whereof he became a living and powerful Miniſter; being made inſtrumental to the Exaltation of the Teſtimony of Truth, the Honour of his great Lord, the Edification of his Church and Heritage, the tendering of the Spirits of the Honeſt-hearted; and many times, with conſolating Sweetneſs, to the reviving and healing the afflicted and wounded in Spirit.

He was diligent in attending Meetings for Worſhip and Diſcipline, at home and abroad; and concerned, that others might be ſo too; often

often lamenting the Lukewarmneſs of ſuch as could neglect this Duty, and that declined a due Attendance of Week-day Meetings.

He ſeveral times croſſed the Sea, to viſit Friends in *England*, *Scotland* and *Wales*; once to *Holland*, and once to *America*; in which latter Journey he was abroad about two Years, and wherein we find, by Accounts from ſeveral Parts of that Continent, he had good Service for the Lord, and was very acceptable to Friends, and left a good Savour behind him, both in his Miniſtry and Conduct. For indeed we may ſay, his grave, ſolid, weighty Behaviour, adorned his Miniſtry.

He always travelled in Truth's Service with the Unity and Approbation of Friends; and was careful, when abroad, not to make the Goſpel chargeable or burthenſome; nor to over-ſtay the time of his Service. And, when at home, was induſtrious and careful in Buſineſs; wherein the Lord proſpered his Undertakings, and enabled him, not only to provide plentifully for his Family, but alſo to do Good in his Neighbourhood, and gain Eſteem by his conſcientious and upright Dealings in Commerce and Converſe. Thus he preached well at home divers Ways. He was careful to train up his Children in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord; and was of good Service in viſiting the Families of Friends, wherein he was often drawn forth in great Love, particularly to the Youth, to exhort and encourage

them *to make choice of that good Part, which would be an everlaſting Portion to them who retain it to the End.*

He was helpful to Friends in this Nation, in the Diſcipline of the Church; for which Service he was well qualified, and furniſhed with a good Underſtanding and ſound Judgment, being alſo zealous for good Order, the Peace of the Church, and maintaining the Teſtimony of Truth, againſt wrong Things and undue Liberty; having often a Word of Advice and Counſel, pertinent and ſuitable to the Matter, in the Authority of Truth, to deliver in thoſe Meetings; wherein he ſeemed in his elder Years, to be ſomewhat of an Awe and Check on forward Spirits, but an Encourager of that which was of the right Birth.

He was of a noble Mind and chearful Diſpoſition; pleaſant and edifying in Converſation; liberal and open-hearted to Friends and others; a tender Sympathizer with the Afflicted, the Widows and Fatherleſs; a nurſing Father to young Travellers in the Way to *Sion*; yet not haſty to lay Hands on thoſe *who were more in Shew than Subſtance*, being endued in a good degree with the Spirit of Diſcerning. He was a Man of Integrity and Firmneſs, like a fixed Pillar; deliberate and careful in forming a Judgment of Things that concerned the Good of the Society, and not apt to be toſſed to and fro, or eaſily turned aſide therein; and yet we have particularly to remark, that he

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was an humble-minded Man, often ſignifying his own Fears reſpecting himſelf, and his earneſt Deſire, *that he might hold out to the End; and that he might not die, or decay, as to the Truth, in old Age.* And we have no Doubt of his Deſire being anſwered, for his Candle burned bright to the laſt; being very ſweet and lively in his Teſtimony in our Week-day Meeting, the Day before he took his laſt Ilneſs, which held not quite three Days, wherein he departed quietly out of this Life, and, we doubt not, is entered into the Habitation of the Righteous, there to ſing high Praiſes to the Lord God and the Lamb, who is worthy for ever.

He departed this Life the 3d of the Third Month 1747, and was buried in Friends Burying Ground near *Edenderry*, accompanied both by his Neighbours and Friends, from many Parts of *Linſter* Province, the 6th of the ſaid Month. In the Seventieth Year of his Age, having been a Miniſter about Forty Years.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Colcheſter *in the County of* Eſſex, *concerning* ELIZABETH DENNIS.

ELIZABETH DENNIS, of *Layer-Bretton*, near *Colcheſter*, was deſcended from honeſt Parents. She was viſited in the early Part of her time, and made willing to bend to the powerful Work of the Croſs of Chriſt, when ſhe was very young; by Virtue whereof, ſhe came to be ſo fitted and prepared, as to be made a Veſſel fit for the Uſe of him who had viſited her.

About the Twentieth Year of her Age, it pleaſed the Lord to call her to the Work of the Miniſtry; to which Call ſhe gave up in Faithfulneſs, and diſcharged herſelf of the Talent committed to her Truſt, in the Innocency and Simplicity of the Truth, to the Edification and Comfort of many, and to the ſtirring up of ſome who were negligent.

She travelled ſeveral times through the Weſtern and Northern Parts of this Nation, as well as the Counties adjacent; and once through *Scotland*, as far as is inhabited by Friends; in all which her Travels ſhe was very diligent in haſting forward, with as much Speed as poſſible, notwithſtanding ſhe was attended with much bodily Weakneſs; and great

great was her Care, that ſhe might not make the Goſpel chargeable.

She was innocent and inoffenſive in her Converſation, and had but low and mean Thoughts of herſelf; by reaſon of both which Qualifications, ſhe gain'd the Favour of many, and had a great place in the Hearts of honeſt-minded Friends.

She was an Example of Plainneſs and Humility, as alſo of Frugality and Induſtry; when at home in her Buſineſs, uſing Diligence, both early and late, that ſhe might have wherewith, by the Work of her own Hands, to adminiſter to her own Neceſſities, and not be burthenſome to any: And although her Income, by her Labour, was but ſmall, yet would ſhe caſt in her Mite, according to her Ability, for the Relief of others, and was a conſtant Attender of the Meetings ſettled for that Purpoſe. And although her Company was much deſired by many, yet ſhe could not be free to leave her own home, unleſs of Neceſſity, either to viſit the Churches, or upon the Account of her Buſineſs.

Towards the latter Part of her time, ſhe was ſeized with the *Palſey*, loſing wholly the Uſe of one Side, and her Speech in great meaſure, and was a great Part of her Time confined to her Bed; yet notwithſtanding her Confinement and Pain was hard to bear, ſhe was ſupported and carried through it with *Chriſtian* Patience and Reſignation; although

ſhe could not, ſometimes, but earneſtly deſire *to be removed hence from her painful Afflictions*; yet *willing to ſubmit to the Will of the Almighty*.

She departed this Life, in a quiet Frame of Spirit, the 3d of the Third Month 1748, and was buried the 8th of the ſame, in Friends Burying Ground at *Coptford*. Aged upwards of Sixty three, a Miniſter Forty three Years

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A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Ouſtwick *in* Yorkſhire, *concerning* THOMAS SMITH.

THIS our dear Friend was born at *Groundhill-houſe*, in the Pariſh of *Old-borough*, a Place within the Compaſs of this Meeting, on the 27th of the Sixth Month 1670, and died at *Owſtwick* the 2d of the Second Month 1749, and was buried the 3d of the ſame, in Friends Burying Ground at *Owſtwick*, aged Seventy eight Years, ſeven Months and three Weeks.

He was deſcended from believing Parents, had a religious Education, and was, we believe, from his Childhood, inclined to that which is good; and in due time it pleaſed the Almighty, in his great Love to Mankind, to fit and qualify him for the Work of the Miniſtry, in which he laboured diligently, and, we believe faithfully, according to the Gift received,

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for the laſt Twenty ſeven Years of his Life; and was often made inſtrumental in ſtirring up the pure Gift in many, and had frequently a Word of Encouragement to all thoſe whoſe Faces were turned *Sion*-ward, adviſing them to Faithfulneſs and Perſeverance, wherein their Reward would be ſure. He was alſo compaſſionately tender, and frequently concerned to call to the backward and backſliding Ones to repent, ſhewing them the Neceſſity of Regeneration, and the abſolute Need of Holineſs, without which, none ſhall ſee God to their Comfort: And it may, with great Juſtice be ſaid of him, he was an Ornament to his Profeſſion; being particularly concerned to adorn his Doctrine by a true *Chriſtian* Converſation, wherein he did ſhine more conſpicuouſly than in Words: His Doctrine was ſound, tender, and to Edification. Much more might be wrote on his Behalf, but as we don't deſire to write long Encomiums, ſhall only add, he was a tender Father, a very affectionate Huſband, and kind Friend; and in his Dealings amongſt Men remarkably juſt. To thoſe in Diſtreſs very humane; one of the beſt of Neighbours; and in all Things ſeem'd to do as he would have others do to him.

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Some Account of the Sickneſs and Death of THOMAS SMITH, *with ſome of his Expreſſions in the Time of his Ilneſs.*

" IN the latter Part of his time, he often " laboured under divers bodily Infirmities, " and was ſometimes afflicted with the *Stone* " or *Gravel*; and on the 21ſt of the Firſt " Month 1748, in the Evening, had a Fit of " an *Ague*, and about Midnight was ſeized " with an entire Stoppage of Urine, which, " notwithſtanding he had the Advice of a " Phyſician, continued till he died, being " above eleven Days; in all which time " he was endued with ſingular Patience, to " undergo ſo great Affliction, *in a State of* " *Contentment and Reſignation to the divine* " *Will*, as he divers times expreſſed to thoſe " about him.

" On the firſt Day of his Ilneſs, to a Friend " who ſat by him, he ſignified, that *He was* " *under great Affliction*; *and if it were the* " *Lord's Will to remove him by it, he was well* " *content, having not been ſhort in plainly ad-* " *viſing and warning thoſe he had been among*; " *that as the Lord had in ſome degree made* " *him as a Watchman, he had faithfully diſ-* " *charged his Truſt therein, and had then Peace* " *in it, being clear of the Blood of all Men*;

" *and*

" *and that, through the Lord's Mercy, his Life*
" *and Converſation had been ſuch, that he could*
" *recommend, as a Pattern to follow, to thoſe*
" *amongſt whom he had laboured in the Miniſtry.*
" The next Day, ſome Friends coming in
" to ſee him after the Week-day Meeting,
" and one ſaying, *He had thought him not well*
" *by his not being there* ; he replied, *That he*
" *had not been ſhort in attending Week-day*
" *Meetings, while the Lord gave Ability* ; *but*
" *he believed his Day's Work was now done* ;
" *and he was freely reſigned to the Lord's Will,*
" *whether in Life or Death* ; *but, as his Af-*
" *fliction was great, he rather choſe to be releaſ-*
" *ed, if the Lord ſaw meet.*
" On the Firſt-day following, many Friends
" being in the Room in Stilneſs by him, he
" raiſed himſelf on his Bed, and ſpoke a few
" Words of Exhortation, in a very ſolid and
" weighty manner, adviſing *To dwell near the*
" *Lord, in order to be truly prepared for their*
" *Change* ; and when they took Leave of him,
" he ſignified *his Senſe of their Kindneſs in*
" *viſiting him* ; deſiring *the Lord might reward*
" *them when they came to ſuch a Time.*"

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Thirſk *in* Yorkſhire, *concerning* RACHEL PROUD, *formerly* KENDERAH.

SHE was deſcended of believing Parents, near *Bilſdale* in the Pariſh of *Kelmſley* in *Yorkſhire*; and having a religious Education, and an early Viſitation, ſhe came to be religiouſly inclined, and was concerned, in Sincerity, to ſeek the Lord in her young and tender Years, in order to be acquainted with him and his Truth; and in this Condition it pleaſed him, who is the Father and Fountain of all our Mercies, and the Giver of every good and perfect Gift, who is full of Compaſſion, and will not with-hold from thoſe who ſeek him in Sincerity, to open her Underſtanding, by which ſhe came acquainted with him and his Truth, and by taking heed thereto, ſhe witneſſed a Growth in the ſame; and before ſhe was Seventeen Years of Age, ſhe was concerned to bear a publick Teſtimony for him who had thus viſited her in Mercy; and although her Appearance at firſt was but ſmall, yet her Innocency was ſo great, that it was greatly edifying to Friends; and being faithful thereunto, ſhe experienced an Improvement therein, like the profitable Servant; and found that Saying of Chriſt to be true, *Unto every one that hath*

hath ſhall be given, and they ſhall have Abundance: Thus was her Gift enlarged, until ſhe became a living and powerful Miniſter.

In her publick Service ſhe was not wont to appear, unleſs ſhe evidently felt Truth to open her Way. She was a good Example to the Youth, her Life and Converſation agreeing with her Miniſtry; a conſtant Attender of Meetings, both on Firſt-days and other Days. She was one who greatly deſired the Proſperity of Truth, and was zealouſly concerned for the propogating of the ſame, and travelled much, towards the latter End of her Time, upon that Account. She viſited moſt of the Meetings in *England*, and was once in *Ireland*; in which Journeys we had a good Account of her and her Service, Friends ſpeaking very lovingly and tenderly of her, and greatly deſiring to ſee her again.

Much might be ſaid concerning this our Siſter and Labourer in the Vineyard of the Lord, who is now taken from us, to our great Loſs, but, we truſt, to her eternal Gain.

She departed this Life, we believe, in much Peace with the Lord, the 9th of the Sixth Month 1749, and was buried at *Thirſk* the 11th of the ſame. Aged Thirty one, a Miniſter Fourteen Years and upwards.

An Abſtract of the Teſtimony from the Mens-Meeting of Cork *in* Ireland, *concerning* GEORGE BEWLEY.

HE was the Son of *George* and *Mary Bewley*, of *Ive-gill* in *Cumberland*. The Lord was pleaſed early to viſit his Soul, and incline his Mind to ſeek after Purity and Holineſs; and about the Thirtieth Year of his Age he received a Gift of the Miniſtry. His Appearance therein was to our Edification and Comfort, he being found in Doctrine, and an humble Waiter upon the Lord in our religious Meetings; and zealouſly concerned, that good Order and Diſcipline ſhould be maintained in the Church, the Lord having gifted him for that Service.

He was a loving Huſband, a tender Father, a good Example in his Converſation and Conduct, of few Words in his Dealings, and juſt therein; faithful to his Word and Promiſe, and careful to keep out of the unneceſſary Incumbrances of this Life.

He was a frequent Attender of our Quarterly and Province-meetings, alſo the National Half-year's-meetings, as they fell in courſe, whilſt of Ability of Body; and ſometimes attended the Yearly-meeting at *London*. He alſo ſeveral times viſited moſt of the Meetings of Friends in this Nation, and ſome Parts of *England*, *Scotland*

Scotland and *Wales*, in the Work of the Miniſtry.

He was ſeveral Years afflicted with great Weakneſs of Body, which he bore with great Patience; and ſignified to Friends who viſited him, his Concern *for the Welfare of the Church*; and reminded them *of the great Zeal and Care that was upon Friends formerly, that all Things might be kept clean*; and *of their Diligence in attending Meetings for Worſhip and Diſcipline*; with Sorrow obſerving, *great Coolneſs, in this Reſpect, to prevail in theſe Days*; and that *it was his great Comfort, now in his Affliction of Body, that he had been in the Practice thereof*; *which*, he ſaid, *was all little enough, having done but his Duty therein.*

He was preſerved in a reſigned Frame of Mind to the Will of God, waiting for his great Change; yet, with Submiſſion thereto, deſired *to be removed to where the Wicked ceaſe from troubling, and the Weary are at reſt.* He departed this Life, in great Peace and Quietneſs, the 11th of the Twelfth Month 1749, in the Sixty ſixth Year of his Age, having been a Miniſter Thirty ſix Years.

And though we are ſorrowfully affected with the Removal of ſo ſteady an Elder, and ſerviceable Man, yet it is a Comfort to us, that we have Cauſe to believe he is gone to eternal Reſt, among the Spirits of juſt Men made perfect, to praiſe the Lord God and the Lamb, who is worthy for ever. *Amen.*

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Hartſhaw *in the County of* Lancaſter, *concerning* WILLIAM TAYLOR, *of* Mancheſter.

HE was deſcended of believing Parents, near old *Meldrum* in *Aberdeenſhire* in *Scotland*; from whence, about the Twenty firſt Year of his Age, he removed to *Stonehive* near *Urie*, where he reſided a few Years; during which time, he appeared in a publick Teſtimony, which was acceptable to Friends, as appeared by the Recommendation given by them to this Monthly-meeting, when he came to ſettle amongſt us; and, as he advanced in the Improvement of his Gift, he was concerned to viſit Friends in his native Country ſeveral times, in *Ireland* once, and likewiſe ſome Parts of this Nation, we hope to his own Peace, and the Advantage of thoſe among whom he laboured. We eſteemed him an honeſt and faithful Miniſter; his Life and Converſation were in a good degree blameleſs and inoffenſive. He was, when at home, diligent in his Buſineſs, that he might not make the Goſpel chargeable; and exemplary in the Attendance of Meetings, and often therein gave Exhortations to the Comfort and Edification of Friends.

During

During his laſt Ilneſs, which continued ſome Weeks, he was conducted with much Patience and Reſignation to the divine Will, though his bodily Pain was great. And from the Aboundings of divine Love, which often fill'd his Soul, he was concerned fervently to adviſe many of thoſe who viſited him, *to maintain the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace*; and, *to avoid an inordinate, or over anxious, Purſuit of worldly Things, that they might be preſerved to his Glory*; with many other lively Exhortations at ſeveral times. And not long before his Death, ſignified, *his great Satisfaction, under a Senſe of the divine Preſence and Favour*; and ſaid, *He had ſeen clearly, and would have it known, that the true Miniſters of God muſt not ſeek or deſire any Gifts, Rewards, or Honour from Men, nor any Thing in lieu thereof; but in true Humility wait in the pure Fear of God, and under the Exerciſe of their Gifts, if ever they obtained his Approbation.* He ſignified likewiſe his Satisfaction, *in having done his Day's Work*, and that *his Peace was ſure in the Lord*; in which comfortable Aſſurance, he quietly departed this Life the 3d, and was decently buried in Friends Burying Ground in *Mancheſter*, the 6th Day of the Firſt Month 1749, the Solemnity being evidently favoured with that divine Preſence which had been his Strength in the Time of Health, and Comfort in the Decline of Life, to the ſolid Satisfaction of many preſent, and Succour of his neareſt

Friends. Aged Thirty eight, a Miniſter Sixteen Years.

An Account of ſome Expreſſions and Advice, given by William Taylor *aforeſaid, not long before his Death*, viz.

One Evening, ſeveral Friends being come to viſit him, he ſaid, "Some of them had ſeen "him very weak at times, but never ſo much "reduced as then; that, conſidering his pre-"ſent Situation, he could not but ſay, it had "ſeemed deſirable to have continued a few "Years in the World, but was now ready to "think his time would not be long." He was going to ſay ſomething further, but was interrupted by the Enterance of more Company.

The next Evening, ſeveral Friends being again ſitting by him, he expreſſed his Gladneſs and Satisfaction in their Company, and that he was never more united in Love to his Friends than at preſent; he ſometimes thought, he had a new Heart given him to love them; and ſaid, "As I had it on my Mind to ex-"preſs laſt Evening: I have ſeen there is a "Vanity which vexeth the Soul, that more or "leſs lurketh about moſt of us, even about "well-minded People, which in the time of "Health and Strength, would boaſt itſelf, and "be thought well of by others; but when the "Hand of God is upon us in Affliction of

"Body,

" Body, we ſee it to be Chaff, that muſt be
" winnowed away, before we can be fitted for
" that pure Reſt: For, Oh! Friends, it is a
" pure holy Reſt; and none but purified and
" refined Souls can ever be admitted to enter
" into it. It hath of late been a ſearching
" Time to me; I have had to recollect ſome
" Paſſages of my Life, which have long been
" unthought of, but they have now been
" ſearched out, and brought to Judgment:
" For, Oh! I have ſeen ſo much of the Purity
" of that Reſt, that I have often been afraid
" of late, leſt I ſhould not be enough refined
" to obtain an Admittance into it; and have
" earneſtly deſired, that nothing might remain,
" but what might bear the divine Hand in
" Judgment: And though I have been pre-
" ſerved in a good degree of Sincerity, accord-
" ing to my Meaſure, ſo that I have nothing
" to charge myſelf with on that Account; yet
" I know and ſee all this is nothing to truſt in,
" nothing but divine Mercy; and I ſee clearly
" the great Need I have of a Mediator, in
" whom I have a comfortable Hope: To look
" upon the Separation of Soul and Body by
" Death, ſeems a dark ſhady Thing: I have
" often remembered thoſe Expreſſions of
" *David,—Though I walk through the Valley of*
" *the Shadow of Death, I will fear no Evil:*
" Death ſeems a gloomy Thing to human
" Nature, which is ready to ſhrink at the
" Proſpect of it; but Oh! the Hope that

" *David* had is a fine Thing: If the Guardian " Angel of his Preſence do but conduct us " through it, all will be well; and this I " think I may ſay, I have a fixed and com- " fortable Hope in. I have no certain Senſe, " whether I ſhall at this time be removed, or " not; that I leave to infinite Wiſdom, and " hope I can truly ſay, I am entirely reſigned " to the divine Will. My greateſt Concern " on my own Account is, leſt I ſhould not " bear the Sharpneſs of my Pain with ſuch a " Degree of Submiſſion and Patience, as I " have deſired to do; and am afraid it ſhould " unhinge my Thoughts from looking ſo ſted- " faſtly to the divine Object, as I hope I have " done of late. It is a fine Thing for thoſe " that are young, to remember their Creator " in the Days of their Youth, before the evil " Day come, and the Time in which the Soul " knows no Pleaſure: The *evil Day*, I take " to be the Time of Affliction or Pain of " Body; Health and proſperous Circumſtances " in Life, ſeem like Days of Sun-ſhine, wherein " we are too apt not properly to conſider our " latter End; but a Day will come, when all " will find the World to be a Cheat, a meer " Shadow, a Deluſion, and not to be truſted " in or relied upon.

" I remember the laſt time I had any Con- " cern to ſpeak in a publick Meeting, I had " to mention this Expreſſion, which was then " very much illuſtrated in my View, — *The*

" *Righteous*

" *Righteous hath Hope in his Death* ; little ap-
" prehending, at that time, it would ſo ſoon
" be my Lot, to think ſo much about it ;
" however, I find it to be a comfortable Truth.
" I have laboured, I think I may ſay, honeſtly
" amongſt my Friends in this Meeting, ac-
" cording to the Underſtanding given ; and
" can truly ſay, with one formerly, *I have*
" *coveted no Man's Silver or Gold*, but, if
" poſſible, that I might be inſtrumental to
" gather Souls to God."

At another time he ſaid, " Our worthy
" Friends might well recommend it, that *all*
" *might endeavour to keep the true Unity of the*
" *Spirit in the Bond of Peace* ; and we who
" ſometimes are concerned to adviſe others,
" what Need have we to be careful to main-
" tain this pure Unity, and to be watchful leſt
" any Thing of Self get up, that would appear
" ſomething, and be thought well of by Man,
" and would boaſt itſelf, and be thought to
" exceed others ? If this be given way to, it
" will conſequently lead to inſinuate Things to
" hurt and leſſen the Service of others. All
" this I have ſeen to be meer Chaff that muſt
" be winnowed away, if ever we be approved
" of by the Almighty.

" I have of late been very much united in
" Love to my Friends, and have looked with
" great Compaſſion and Tenderneſs towards
" thoſe who have been drawn aſide ; and
" earneſtly deſire that thoſe, who are con-

" cerned to labour with ſuch, may do it in
" the Spirit of Love and Tenderneſs, which
" only can gain upon them, in order that they
" may be reſtored into the Unity of the Body,
" wherein is received that Nouriſhment which
" preſerves alive the Members thereof; and
" that none may look at the Weakneſs of
" others, with an Eye that would ſeek and
" fiſh for Faults. I have ſeen ſo much of my
" own Weakneſs, and the great Need I have
" had of the compaſſionate Regard of the
" Almighty, that I have been induced to look
" with great Pity and Tenderneſs, even to-
" wards Tranſgreſſors; and I believe, if we
" be truly ſenſible of our own Weakneſs, it
" will lead us to look after this manner one
" towards another; and if we hear or obſerve
" little Faults, we ſhall not delight to expoſe
" or aggravate them, but rather ſeek to help
" and watch over one another for Good.

" I have often obſerved with Grief, and ſo
" have ſome of you, the great Loſs which our
" Society hath ſuffered, by a too anxious Purſuit
" and graſping after the World and the Things
" of it, in many, in order to appear great, and
" that their Poſterity might have large Poſ-
" ſeſſions. Some who have even taſted of the
" Love of God, by ſuffering their Minds to be
" enſnared and entangled, have inſenſibly loſt
" ground in Religion, and gone on, by degrees,
" till they have almoſt loſt the Reliſh of it.
" I very much deſire that this may never be the

" unhappy

" unhappy Circumſtance of any of us ; for we " have taſted of this divine Sweetneſs, and it " has at times been far more precious than any " of theſe fading tranſitory Things."

And having been ſtill for ſome time, he ſaid, " In the Lord's Preſence there is Quiet indeed! " I could ſcarcely have thought, that ſuch a " Foretaſte of divine Favour could have been " enjoyed whilſt in theſe Bodies, and I could " have been glad to have gone in it ; but not " my Will, but thine O Lord be done."

At another time he ſaid, " I have often " conſidered the great Advantage that thoſe " have had, who have been religiouſly educated " in our Society ; and happy will it be for ſuch, " who make a right Uſe of it. Many and " great Favours we receive, by the Miniſtry of " thoſe whom divine Providence hath qualified " to labour amongſt us ; and, in a particular " Manner, we in this Meeting have been emi- " nently favoured of late ; notwithſtanding " which, if any ſhould be ſatisfied with hear- " ing and profeſſing, and with having the " Name of Religion, and appearing orderly " amongſt Men, and yet be Strangers to the " Life and Virtue thereof in their own Hearts, " they will find themſelves miſerably diſap- " pointed at laſt. Oh ! it is a fine Thing to " have Religion ſo near us, as to have our " Hearts rooted and grounded in the Fear of " God : I have, through Mercy, found the " Comfort and Advantage of it, in this Time

" of Bodily Affliction: It hath adminiſtered
" more Relief than all my Friends could do.
" What could it avail me now, if I had a
" Houſe full of Silver or Gold to look at? It
" could not afford the leaſt degree of that
" Comfort and Peace of Mind I now enjoy.
" I have many times thought, that I am more
" at liberty, and my Mind more compoſed
" and eaſy, to leave the World, than if I had
" a great deal in it. I have wanted nothing,
" but have had every Thing neceſſary and ſuit-
" able for me, and am much more free from
" Cumber than if I had abundance to leave
" behind me.

" When I have at times, for ſome Days
" paſt, been concerned to ſpeak a little to my
" Friends, by way of Advice, I have been
" much refreſhed both in Body and Mind. It
" ſeems to alleviate my Pain and Affliction of
" Body; and if it pleaſe divine Providence to
" number me to my Grave, nothing ſeems to
" lay in my Way; I have nothing but Peace
" of Mind, and doubt not but his merciful
" Care will be extended, and be my Conductor
" through the ſhadowy Proſpect of Death;
" and I have a fixed Hope, that divine Good-
" neſs will viſit this Meeting in an extraordi-
" nary Manner. And though there may be
" ſome whoſe Views are much confined, and
" their Purſuits ſtrongly after the Things of
" this Life; a Time will come, when ſuch
" will be ſhaken, and have a clear Sight of

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" the Vanity and Emptineſs of the World,
" which is really a Cheat and a Deluſion, a
" Shadow, and not worth graſping after, nor
" to be relied upon. I know it is neceſſary and
" lawful to provide for the Accommodation
" of theſe Bodies, for a little time; and if I
" recover, it will be my Care; but I hope I
" ſhall always look upon it in ſuch a Light, as
" to prefer what I know and ſee to be my
" greateſt Intereſt."

At another time he ſaid, "I have of late ſeen
" more clearly than ever, the Advantage and
" Excellency of dwelling in true Love and
" Unity; that pure Unity of the Spirit, the
" Bond of Peace: Oh! Friends, endeavour to
" keep in it, and out of that which would
" divide in *Jacob*, and ſcatter in *Iſrael*; and
" then Satan, with all his Craft, can never ſap
" the Foundation, but it will ſtand for ever.

" Though it hath of late been a trying and
" ſearching Time to me, it hath been the moſt
" profitable Time of all my Life: And I fully
" believe a Time is approaching, that will try
" the Foundations of Men; and it is well for
" thoſe who are prepared to ſtand through it;
" but much more happy thoſe, who may be
" landed ſafe *before that Time overtake them.*
" I do not only think ſo, becauſe ſeveral of
" our Friends have been concern'd to mention
" it, but from a full Perſwaſion and fixed
" Evidence of it in my own Mind."

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Taking Leave of a particular Friend, he ſaid, " We have been long acquainted ; and I " know thou haſt been favoured with the Ex- " perience of the Love of God, and haſt been " a good Example to thy Family. I wiſh thou " mayſt ſtill endeavour to live near Truth ; feel " after the Virtue of it more and more in thy " own Heart, and then thou'lt be concerned " to bring up thy Children in the Fear of " God, and that they may have Portions in " the Truth, which will far exceed all the " great Things in this vain World."

He ſaid to his Wife, who he ſaw very ſor- rowful, " *My Dear*, moderate thy Grief on " my Account ; let us not murmur at the Cup " that is handed to us ; but remember him to " whom it was given for our ſakes : To him " it was adminiſtred with great Scorn and " Deriſion, but to us in great Mercy."

At another time he ſaid, " *My Dear*, do " not grieve ſo much for me ; I have obtained " the utmoſt Wiſhes that ever I had, with " regard to any Proſpect of Happineſs in this " Life, by having thy Company ; and though " it hath been but a ſhort time, it hath tended, " in degree, to prepare me for my latter End : " I am quite eaſy to reſign my Spirit to him " who gave it. Thou wouldſt have had much " more Cauſe of Sorrow, if thou hadſt been " joined to one who, in the ſame Situation, " had been weighed down with Horror and " Guilt of Conſcience. Sorrow not for me, I

" ſhall

" ſhall ſoon be centered into that Reſt which
" good *Abraham* long ago entered into, as a
" Reward of his Faithfulneſs. What! though
" theſe poor mouldring Bodies muſt be diſ-
" ſolved and returned to their original Duſt,
" there is a glorious Aſſembly of the Spirits of
" juſt Men made perfect, even the Church of
" the Firſt-born, which I am going to join,
" and which all redeemed Souls muſt join,
" when they quit theſe Tabernacles of Clay;
" then all Sorrow and Tears will be wiped
" away, and uninterrupted Reſt and Tran-
" quility will be their Portion for ever; even
" the Portion of all thoſe who reſign them-
" ſelves in Faith, Body, Soul and Spirit, to
" their great Creator: Then there is no Will,
" no Deſire, either of Life or Death, but an
" entire Submiſſion to the divine Will. They
" dare not deſire to live a Year, a Month or a
" Day, longer than he ſees meet; neither to
" die before his Time."

At ſeveral times he acknowledged the great Care and Concern of his Wife and Brother for him. He ſaid, " Your Care for me is quite
" compleat; you having ſympathized with me
" and born part of my Burthen; you can do
" no more; and I fully believe you will be
" rewarded when I am gone: It will, like the
" Prayers and Alms-deeds of *Cornelius*, go up
" as a Memorial before Almighty God."

At another time he ſaid, " Thou art, *my*
" *Dear*, exceeding near to me; ſo near I
" cannot

" cannot expreſs it. I never loved thee more
" than now, and I fully believe, if I am taken
" away, the Lord will bleſs and comfort thee,
" beyond what I could do for thee if I live;
" therefore endeavour to reſign me entirely to
" the Divine Diſpoſal. We muſt be parted
" ſome time, and I can never leave thee with
" leſs Incumbrance than at preſent. If Nature
" muſt ſometimes have a little Vent by Sorrow,
" take Care to moderate it, ſo as not to offend
" divine Providence, nor hurt thy Health: He
" will, I truſt, help and ſupport thee beyond
" what thou canſt now ſee. I once thought it
" had been ſcarce poſſible for me to have been
" ſo eaſy to part with thee ſo ſoon; but divine
" Mercy is great to me. I am as happy as
" thou canſt wiſh me, and far more ſo than I
" have deſerved. When thou haſt any ſenſible
" Intereſt with divine Goodneſs, join my Spirit
" in Prayer, that he may be pleaſed to eaſe
" my Pain of Body, or renew and ſtrengthen
" my Patience to bear it his Time, without
" repining; and alſo that he may be with me
" to the laſt, and favour me with an eaſy
" Paſſage."

Not long before his Death, having been very ſtill for ſome time, he expreſſed the great Satisfaction that he had, in a Senſe of the divine Preſence and Favour, and ſaid, *He wanted his Brother*; who being called, he ſaid, " I have lain with great Satisfaction, even as if " upon a Bed of Roſes; and though I have

" great

" great Pain of Body, it has been chained
" down, and I have ſeen beyond all Pain. I
" I have had a View of the Tree of Life, that
" ſtands in the Midſt of the Paradice of God ;
" and have ſeen how far that Satisfaction ex-
" ceeds all ſenſual Pleaſures. It is likely I ſhall
" die ſoon, and if I do, I hope I ſhall die well.
" I have ſeen clearly, and would have it to be
" known, that the true Miniſters of God muſt
" not ſeek or deſire any Reward, Gifts or
" Honour from Men, nor any Thing in lieu
" thereof ; but, in true Humility, wait in the
" pure Fear of God, and under the Exerciſe
" of his Gift, if ever they obtain his Appro-
" bation : I would have this to be known,
" and that is all."

After which he continued about two Days ; and though his Pain was great, he was preſerved in much Patience and Reſignation to the divine Will : And the laſt Words he was heard to ſpeak, were, *It is now over ; I am juſt going. Farewel, my dear Love, the Lord bleſs thee, and be with me now.*

Some Friends being called in, he continued about Half an Hour, and departed very quietly.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Norwich, *concerning* JOSEPH GURNEY.

HE was deſcended of religious Parents, who not only profeſſed the Truth, but were great Sufferers for their faithful Teſtimony thereto in this City. They took great Care in the Education of their Children, which, by the Bleſſing of God, they lived in great meaſure to ſee the good Effects of, as well in others of them, as in this our dear Friend, who was viſited with the Day-ſpring from on high, in his very young and tender Age; and by cloſing in therewith, as he advanced in Years, he grew in Sobriety and Virtue; and, in the Twenty firſt Year of his Age, it pleaſed God to diſpenſe to him a Gift of the Miniſtry, in which he was very acceptable, it being attended with Life and Power.

In the Year 1717, he viſited Meetings in *Ireland*, and afterwards in *Wales*, and ſeveral Parts of *England*; and we have good reaſon to believe, that his Services in all theſe Viſits were acceptable.

After the Year 1732, he was rendered incapable, by bodily Infirmity, to ride on Horſeback, which confined his Service more to our own Meeting and County; wherein he was of great Service, by endeavouring to ſtir up

the pure Mind in all, both by Example and Precept.

He was a Man of great Humility; a Pattern of Benevolence, Moderation and Temperance, as well as of moſt other *Chriſtian* Virtues; by which Behaviour he greatly adorned the Goſpel of Chriſt, and obtained the Eſteem of all Ranks and Degrees of People here, by whom he was univerſally beloved and reſpected. He hath left a ſweet Savour behind, ſo that it may be truly ſaid, his Memory is bleſſed, and being dead, he yet ſpeaketh.

He dearly loved Peace and Unity in the Church, and any Thing that wounded its Reputation, very deeply affected him. He was a conſtant Attender of Meetings, both on Firſt and other Days of the Week; and when he obſerved a Lukewarmneſs in any thereunto, it gave him great Sorrow.

It pleaſed the Almighty, in the Courſe of his Providence, to permit this our dear Friend to be tried with much Ilneſs, being for the laſt Eighteen Years of his Life greatly afflicted with the *Stone* and *Gravel*, hardly in that Space having enjoyed one Day of perfect Health; which, though naturally of a weak and tender Spirit, he bore with great Patience; but ſeemed very ſenſible it would ſoon finiſh him, as to this World.

His laſt Ilneſs was very ſevere and afflicting, being not able, for near a Month before he died, to keep in Bed; which he ſuſtained

with

with remarkable Reſignation, not uttering one impatient or diſcontented Word, during the whole time; but expreſſed great Satisfaction *in his inward State*, and that *he made it the Buſineſs of his whole Life, to be prepared for ſuch a Time*: And ſome of the laſt Words he ſpoke to be underſtood, a few Hours before his Departure, were, that *He was happy*.

Much might be mentioned of this our dear deceaſed Friend; but we ſhall conclude with ſaying, he was a moſt indulgent Huſband, a kind and tender Parent, a good Maſter, and a ſincere Friend.

Our Loſs of ſuch an Elder and Miniſter is very great, and greater than we can expreſs, not only in our publick Meetings of Worſhip, but alſo in thoſe for Diſcipline and good Order; in which he was particularly ſerviceable, being as a Father in the Churches in theſe Parts.

This our dear Friend departed this Life the 5th of the Third Month 1750, and was buried the 8th of the ſame, in Friends Burying Ground, accompanied to the Grave by a great Number of Friends and others.

As he lived beloved, ſo he died lamented, and is, we doubt not, entered into that Reſt prepared for the Righteous; there, with Saints and Angels, and the Spirits of juſt Men made perfect, giving Praiſe and Honour to him who lives for ever.

He was Aged Fifty eight Years and ſix Weeks; a Miniſter about Thirty eight Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Brighouſe *in* Yorkſhire, *concerning* JOHN HORSFALL.

THIS our well eſteemed Friend and approved Miniſter, was a Man of a good Underſtanding; his Converſation and Deportment was ſolid, grave and weighty: And tho' his Service was within a narrow Compaſs, in compariſon of many others of the Lord's Meſſengers, who are called to diſtant Parts, his Concern being moſtly in his own and ſome few neighbouring Meetings; yet he was zealous for the Cauſe of God, and the Promotion of his Truth upon Earth. He was a diligent Attender of Meetings, and careful to obſerve the Time appointed; often concerned to ſtir up others to the like decent and orderly Practice. His Miniſtry was clear, ſound and edifying; not conſiſting in a Multitude of Words, eſpecially in his latter Years, the chief Tendency thereof being rather to turn People to the Gift of Grace in their own Hearts, that in the Ability thereof they might labour for themſelves, to witneſs the experimental Work of Sanctification, and not ſettle in a bare Form and Profeſſion of Religion, or have their Dependance upon Inſtruments.

Nor was he leſs careful to diſcharge his Duty in the other Stations and Relations of Life, being a loving and affectionate Huſband, a tender Father, a kind and peaceable Neighbour; and, by his ſober and *Chriſtian* Converſation, obtained a good Report, and has left a ſweet Savour behind him. And though his Subſtance was not great in the World, yet did he readily and chearfully adminiſter thereof to the Neceſſities of the Poor, and thoſe who were in Diſtreſs; and with Freedom and Open-heartedneſs received and entertained his fellow Labourers in the Work of the Miniſtry.

His declining Age was attended with Exerciſes and Afflictions of various Kinds; all which he endured with exemplary Patience and Reſignation. Nor was his Zeal for the Cauſe of Truth in the leaſt abated; but he continued to attend Meetings almoſt conſtantly as formerly, though many times with great Difficulty, having his Eye to the Recompence of Reward: And the earneſt Deſire and Travail of his Soul was, *that he might finiſh his Day's Work in the Day-time; that whenever he ſhould be called to give an Account of his Stewardſhip, he might be prepared to do the ſame with Joy.*

May we, under the Conſideration of our great Loſs of him, and many other faithful Labourers in the Lord's Vinyard, now removed from us, be excited ſo to follow their Footſteps, that with them we may be Partakers of

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that incorruptible Inheritance which is reſerved for the Righteous, when time here ſhall be no more.

He departed this Life the 28th of the Eighth Month 1748, in the Seventy fifth Year of his Age, having been concerned in publick Teſtimony upwards of Forty Years.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Settle *in* Yorkſhire, *concerning* THOMAS CARR.

THIS our dear, worthy and well-eſteemed Friend, was deſcended of honeſt Parents, at *Longrig* near *Settle*, in the Third Month 1670; and, when very young, the Lord was pleaſed *to viſit him*, as he often declared, *with the Inbreakings of divine Virtue*; under which Viſitations, he was very ſolicitous to find out a People under the ſame Influence he experienced; and after going from one Society to another, he found not, as he thought, any under ſuch a Heart-melting Work as the Lord was pleaſed to exerciſe him with; under which he remained diſconſolate, till one time, when alone, the Lord's Power tendered his Heart to that degree, that he was willing to be as paſſive Clay in his Hand; and deſired to know what he ſhould do, or to what People he ſhould join himſelf, as Companions to his tribulated Soul. It then appeared to him, that

the People called *Quakers* were favoured with the ſame Truth, Life and Power, that he had a Senſe of; though it was more contrary to his own Will to join with them, than to any other Perſwaſion.

In the Year 1690 he joined Friends, and ſoon after came forth in Teſtimony for the Truth, being then about Twenty one Years of Age; in which he continued a faithful Labourer till his Death. He travelled in the Work of the Miniſtry, and viſited the Meetings of Friends in *Scotland*, *Ireland*, and moſt Parts of *England*, approving himſelf a ſound and able Miniſter of the Goſpel.

He was a large Experiencer of the Work of God, and the deep Myſteries of the Heavenly Kingdom, having clear Openings in Meetings to declare of and unfold the ſame, in the Demonſtration of the Spirit, to the comforting and eſtabliſhing of Friends in their Journey *Sion*-ward. He was not only an Aſſerter of the true Faith and Doctrine of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, in a ſound and intelligible Teſtimony, but alſo one who, through a long Courſe of time, was careful to adorn the Doctrine of our holy Profeſſion, by a circumſpect Life and godly Converſation; wherein the Fruits of the Spirit, *to wit*, Love, Joy, Peace, Long-ſuffering, Gentleneſs, Goodneſs, Faith, Meekneſs and Temperance, did ſhine forth to the Praiſe and Glory of God. Being thus qualified, and of a meek and peaceable

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Diſpoſition, he was well eſteemed by Friends and others.

He was very exemplary in attending religious Meetings for Worſhip, and the Diſcipline of the Church, at the Time appointed; and in our Monthly-meetings eminently ſerviceable, being zealous to ſupport good Order therein. His Advice was ſolid and weighty, ſeaſoned with Grace; ſo that when any Differences appeared, he was very helpful, by endeavouring to compoſe the ſame in an amicable Manner; not leaning to any Party through Favour or Affection, but laboured that the Affairs of the Church might be eſtabliſhed, to the Honour of him who hath not only laid the Foundation, but crowned the Labour of the Faithful with Peace.

Our dear Friend, for ſome Years before his Departure, was violently afflicted with the *Stone* and *Gravel*, which often rendered him incapable of getting to Meetings; but when he had a little Eaſe he diligently attended; and, when there, frequently opened in a living and powerful Teſtimony, being freſh and lively in old Age, to the comforting and refreſhing thoſe preſent, and earneſtly concerned to ſtir up Friends to Faithfulneſs.

In the laſt Meeting he attended, he was in a ſweet Heavenly Frame of Mind, ſaying,—*Oh! the Melody that is in Heaven:* Then, or at another Time, fervently praying, *That the*

ſweet Sound of the Goſpel might be heard in that Place.

Two Days before his Departure he broke forth in a lively Manner, uttering many comfortable Expreſſions in praiſing and glorifying his Creator, many times repeating theſe Words, *The Goodneſs of the Lord endures for ever*; adding, *The Tongue and Pen of Man cannot declare it to the full*: Which cauſed Brokenneſs of Heart in the Hearers.

He departed this Life the 17th of the Third Month 1750, we truſt, in Peace with the Lord, and in perfect Unity with his Brethren, and was decently interred in Friends Burying Ground at *Settle*, the 20th of the ſame.

Aged Eighty, a Miniſter Fifty nine Years.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Lancaſter, *concerning* ELIZABETH RAWLINSON.

SHE was a Branch ſprung from a pious Stock; her Father and Mother, *William* and *Dorothy Beck*, gave her a ſober careful Education, and lived to ſee their Labour and Prayers for her were bleſſed with Succeſs; for it pleaſed the merciful Lord to reach her Heart by divine Love, and to lay his gracious Hand upon her, to prepare and qualify her for his Work, when ſhe was very young; and about the Seventeenth Year of her Age, ſhe came forth

forth in a publick Teſtimony for the Truth, which ſhe held, and was fruitful in to the End.

She travelled much, and went many Journeys, in her Youth, before ſhe married; viſited Friends Meetings in *Scotland*, and many Parts of *England* and *Wales*; ſome Counties divers times over; and after ſhe was married to *Abraham Rawlinſon*, ſhe had her Liberty, with ſuitable Encouragement from him, to diſcharge the Truſt her great Maſter repoſed in her, and which ſhe preferred above her chiefeſt Joy in this World, being made willing to leave an affectionate Huſband, and ſeveral tender Children, to viſit the Churches both in this Nation and *Ireland*, ſeveral times over; and feeling her Mind drawn by divine Love to viſit Friends in divers Parts of *America*, ſhe was not diſobedient to the Heavenly Viſion, but when ſhe believed her Time was fully come, left all and went forth in that Journey, viſited the Meetings fully in *New-England*, *Rhode-Iſland*, *Nantucket*, *Long-Iſland*, *New-York*, *Penſilvania*, the *Jerſeys*, *Maryland*, *Virginia* and *North Carolina*; in all which, notwithſtanding the Extreams of the Seaſons, her Age, and the Tenderneſs of her Sex, ſhe was enabled to ſurmount the Difficulties, and perform that Service to the Honour of Truth, the Satisfaction of Friends, and the Peace of her own Soul: So that it may be truly ſaid, ſhe lived and walked in the Faith which made her

valiant in Fight, ſubdued Enemies, and gave Victory over evil Spirits; abounding in that Charity which is the Bond of Perfectneſs, ſo that her Soul did often magnify the Lord, and her Spirit rejoiced in God her Saviour, who made her fruitful in old Age, her Miniſtry being ſound, living, and truly acceptable to the Concluſion of her Days.

She departed this Life in full Unity with Friends, and the general Reſpect of thoſe who knew her, the 5th Day of the Fifth Month 1750, in the Eightieth Year of her Age, having been a Miniſter about Sixty three Years, and was decently interred in Friends Burying Ground in *Lancaſter* the 7th of the ſame; upon which ſolemn Occaſion the glorious Truth, in which ſhe lived and died, was evidently manifeſted to the Comfort of many.

" Our dear Friend *Elizabeth Rawlinſon*,
" before mentioned, was on the fourteenth and
" fifteenth Days of her Ilneſs reduced to a State
" of ſuch outward Weakneſs, that thoſe who
" attended her, ſcarcely expected ſhe would be
" able to open her Mouth any more; yet, the
" following Day in the Morning, ſhe ſeemed
" ſomewhat to revive, and expreſſed a Deſire
" *her Children ſhould be called*; who being
" come, ſhe was in a wonderful Manner filled
" with inward Strength and Comfort, and
" brake forth, ſaying, *Death is no Terror to*
" *me: It is no Surprize to me. My Heart*

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" *is full of the Joy of God's Salvation; yea,*
" *full of the Comforts of the Holy Ghoſt.*

" *The Lord viſited my Soul when I was very*
" *young, and often broke in upon my Spirit by his*
" *Heart-melting, bowing and tendering Power,*
" *preparing me for that Work which he ſhew'd*
" *me was to be required at my Hand; telling*
" *me,* if I was faithful, I ſhould be a Mouth
" for him; *which Word brought great Awe*
" *and Dread over my Mind, and I ſaid,* Lord,
" who is ſufficient for theſe Things! *But as I*
" *have ſteadily kept my Eye to him, I have ſtill*
" *found ſufficient Ability for every Service that*
" *ever he required of me; yea, I can ſay, he*
" *hath been with me all my Life long, and made*
" *hard Things eaſy to me; and now I can ſay,*
" Come Lord Jeſus, come quickly, thy Servant
" is ready: I have fought the good Fight of
" Faith, I have finiſhed my Courſe, my Day's
" Work is done; henceforth there is laid up
" for me a Crown of Righteouſneſs: *Yea, I*
" *feel it is ſure to me, and will be to all who*
" *love Truth above all, as (bleſſed be the Lord)*
" *I have done. I have ſerved him in Sincerity,*
" *and left all that was near to me in this World,*
" *to run the Ways of his Commandments, which*
" *have not been grievous, but joyous to me.*

" *Oh! that you,* my dear Children, *may*
" *give up your Hearts to ſerve the Lord, and*
" *join freely with thoſe gracious Viſitations he*
" *extends to you; I pray God bleſs you all, and*
" *proſper his Truth in you, when I am gone to*

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" *the ſilent Grave, that you may be valiant for*
" *the Cauſe of God; for I can truly ſay, that*
" *ſince I gave up to ſerve the Lord, I have*
" *never been an idle ſlothful Servant, neither*
" *have I played the Coward, nor turned my*
" *Back in the Day of Battle; but have laboured*
" *for my Penny, and now I have it in a plen-*
" *tiful Manner: Oh! the Hight, and Length*
" *and Breadth of the Comfort and Joy that flows*
" *in my Soul! My Tongue is too ſhort to ſet*
" *forth one Half of the Goodneſs of my God.*"

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting at Brigflats *in* Yorkſhire, *concerning* ALICE THISTLETHWAIT.

SHE was convinced of the bleſſed Truth when young; not by inſtrumental Means, but by the immediate Manifeſtation of the Grace of God, powerfully operating in her Heart, which cauſed her many times to retire into ſecret Places, to put up her Supplications to Almighty God, that *If he would pleaſe to ſhew her the Way to Life and Salvation, then ſhe would ſerve him*; which, in good degree, he was pleaſed to make known to her, by manifeſting himſelf in the Secret of her Soul, whereby ſhe came to know her Heavenly Father's good Pleaſure concerning her. Then ſhe conſulted not with Fleſh and Blood, but

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gave up to the Heavenly Viſion, whereby ſhe became a choſen Veſſel to place his Name in; and had the Gift of the Miniſtry beſtowed upon her, in which ſhe faithfully laboured, being concerned to travel abroad, into ſeveral Parts of this Nation, to viſit the Churches of Chriſt at ſundry times. And when her Service on that Account ſeemed to be over for a time, ſhe entered into a Marriage State of Life, and it pleaſed God to give her nine Children, whom ſhe carefully nurſed and brought up, not in Pride and Idleneſs, but in good Subjection; and when they came to Years of Underſtanding, ſhe often admoniſhed them *to live in the Fear of the Lord, and be mindful of the Day of their Viſitation, ſo that they might become an Honour to his worthy Name.* Eight of them are living, and thankful to Almighty God, on her Behalf, for ſuch good Education, and tender Regard towards them, in Things that concerned their eternal Welfare.

We can do no leſs than, with great Sincerity and Affection, remember the many good Qualifications that Truth endued her with; her Teſtimony was powerful, to the Edification of many; and it was her Lot to call to the Looſe and Diſobedient, amongſt Friends and others, in order to reclaim them from the Evil of their Ways.

She was very diligent in viſiting the Sick, amongſt Friends and others, by which ſhe obtained a good Report. She was likewiſe of a quick

quick Apprehenſion, and of a ſolid and ſound Judgment, to the confounding and putting to ſilence the Mouths of Gainſayers.

In her declining Years, ſhe had a Concern on her Mind to viſit Friends in ſeveral Counties of this Nation, and in *London*, having *Agnes Maſon* for a Companion; and, notwithſtanding her many Infirmities of Body, ſhe undertook her Journey with great Reſignation of Mind, being freely given up in Heart and Soul to obey her great Lord and Maſter, whom ſhe knew was worthy above all to be obeyed and ſerved, in whatſover he might require at her Hands.

When they found themſelves clear of thoſe Parts, they returned homewards, having been abroad about ſeven Months in the Service of Truth. Her Health became farther impaired through the Fatigue of this painful Journey, ſhe being about ſixty eight Years of Age when ſhe undertook it, and having travelled upwards of nine Hundred Miles in ſo ſhort a time.

After her Return, ſhe conſtantly continued to attend Meetings at home, and often abroad, though it was with great Difficulty to her Body; and on the 1ſt Day of the Firſt Month 1750, it pleaſed God to viſit her with Sickneſs that proved unto Death, in about ſeven Days from the time ſhe was taken. Her Pain of Body was great, which ſhe endured with much Patience; the Love of God was ſo prevalent upon her, that ſhe was often made to

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ſing Praiſes to his Name, for his continued Goodneſs towards her Soul, tho' under great Affliction of Body. Many Friends and Neighbours came to viſit her when ſhe lay upon her ſick Bed, and it pleaſed God to open her Mouth, by way of Exhortation and good Advice, to the tendering the Hearts of many. And now the time drawing near that ſhe muſt give up this natural Life, could appeal to the Beloved of her Soul, that *ſhe had done her Day's Work in the Day-time, and was at Peace with the Lord*; deſiring *to be diſſolved, and freed from this earthly Tabernacle.*

She departed this Life the 7th Day of the Firſt Month 1750, in the Seventieth Year of her Age, having been a Miniſter upwards of Fifty Years.

A Teſtimony from Thirſk *Monthly-meeting in* Yorkſhire, *concerning* MABEL BARKER.

ABOUT the Year 1741, it pleaſed the Lord, in the Riches of his Love, to raiſe up our well-beloved Friend *Mabel Barker* to bear Teſtimony to his bleſſed Truth; in which Service ſhe manifeſted her Love and Zeal for the Proſperity thereof, by her frequent Exerciſe and Labour amongſt us. Her Concern was great *for the Welfare of our immortal Souls*, and that *we might demean ourſelves ſo, as to*

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give no juſt Occaſion for the Truth to be evil ſpoken of; adviſing us *to be very careful in all our Deportment among Men*; ſometimes expreſſing *the great Need there was for her to be careful, upon her own Account, leſt ſhe ſhould offend in Thought, Word or Deed*; and that ſhe believed *all had the like Need, but was afraid all did not ſee their Need to be ſo great as it really was*; and ſo would tenderly adviſe, to the Comfort and Conſolation of her Friends; for the Lord bleſſed her in her Labour, and often eminently attended her in her Miniſtry with his divine Power, whereby the Hearts of many were reached, and the Heritage of God watered by the divine Showers, that, through her, as an Inſtrument in the Hand of the Lord, fell upon them. Oh! the bedewing Seaſons, and comfortable Opportunities, which we have had with this our Friend, the Impreſſions whereof at times ſtill revive upon our Spirits, and makes us ſenſible our Loſs of her is great; but as we are well ſatisfied it is her eternal Gain, we dare not murmur, but ſay, as one of old, *The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, bleſſed be the Name of the Lord*: Deſiring, that others may be raiſed up, and made willing to labour faithfully in the Lord's Vineyard, as we believe this our Friend hath done; for it was her great Concern, that his Work might be done to his own Praiſe: And ſhe was willing to lend a helping Hand to the Weak, that ſo all might be encouraged therein.

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She laboured much, and was very ſerviceable to our Women Friends, for the promoting of good Order amongſt them, that the Church might be kept clean from the Defilements of the World, and that it might be ſo, ſhe ſpared no Pains or Advice, which ſhe thought would tend to the Glory of God, or the Good of her Friends, being willing to ſpend and be ſpent, according to her Ability, for his Cauſe, as ſhe ſometimes would declare. She travelled not much abroad in the Service of Truth, ſave in our own County, and the County of *Durham*, or Meetings adjacent, for her Labour was much about home.

She viſited the Families of Friends in our own Monthly-meeting, in which Service we have Cauſe to believe, ſhe was an Inſtrument of Good to thoſe whom ſhe ſo viſited, being one who, we doubt not, was rightly qualified for ſuch a Work, and did adviſe from her own Experience.

She was exemplary in the Courſe and Conduct of her Life, meek, gentle and courteous to all, a great Lover of Peace, Concord and Unity, which ſhe laboured much to promote amongſt us, being an Example of Good to thoſe ſhe was converſant with; a loving Wife, an affectionate Mother, a good Neighbour and kind Friend: And as ſhe lived, ſo ſhe died, a Pattern of Meekneſs and Innocency, and no doubt is at Reſt from her Labours, and her Works follow her. And that it may be ſo

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with us, and all the Lord's People, is the fervent Desire and Breathing of our Souls to the Lord; that we, like her, may be concerned to work the Work of our Day, fight the good Fight of Faith, and hold out to the End, as she has done; that we may be entituled to that immortal Crown that will never fade away.

She departed this Life the 14th of the Third Month 1751, Aged Fifty four Years, a Minister upwards of Nine Years. Her Corps was interred in Friends Burying Ground at *Thirsk* the 16th of the said Month, being accompanied by a great many Friends and others.

A Testimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Wiltshire, *held at* Chippenham, *concerning* JOSEPH STORRS.

BY Accounts received, he was born on the 13th of the Third Month 1670, at *Chesterfield* in *Derbyshire*, of honourable and religious Parents, by whom he was carefully and religiously educated: His Father *William Storrs* being a very great Sufferer for Truth's-sake, and his Mother's Father and Mother, *William* and *Grace Sykes*, both died Prisoners for the same.

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Notwithſtanding which, as he grew up towards Man's Eſtate, his Mind was too much led out after the Vanity and Gaiety of Life, and drawn away from the Simplicity of the Truth, till he was mercifully viſited and reached to by an immediate Touch from God; to which being faithful, he became an Example of Religion and Virtue: And, about the Thirtieth Year of his Age, was concerned in a publick Teſtimony for the ſame; and ſoon after married *Katharine*, Daughter of *Henry Froſt* of *Bridlington*, who having, very young, a large and excellent Gift in the Miniſtry, exceeding moſt of her Age, ſhe found it her Duty after Marriage, as ſhe had done before, frequently to travel, in the Exerciſe thereof, in this Kingdom, *Ireland*, *Scotland*, *Holland* and *Germany*, but more eſpecially in theſe three Kingdoms; in all which he freely gave her up, and affectionately accommodated her for her Journies and Voyages, ſaying, *When the Lord required her to run of his Errands, ſhe was not his, nor at his Diſpoſal.* He was a frequent Attender of the Yearly-meeting at *London*, and viſited Friends Meetings in ſundry Counties, and eſpecially in the North and Weſt Parts of this Nation, in which his Viſits were very acceptable to Friends.

He was lively in his Miniſtry, ſtrict in Diſcipline, zealous in ſupporting the reſpective Teſtimonies of Truth, and careful in the Education of his Children; and often expreſſed

his Thankfulneſs to the Lord, for their Preſervation and comfortable Settlement in the World; and as they were moſtly married from him, when it pleaſed the Lord to remove his dear Wife by Death, with whom he had lived in great Unity and Affection near Forty two Years, he ſoon after inclined to remove and live with his Daughters in this County, producing a Certificate from the Monthly-meeting at *Cheſterfield*, of Friends Unity with him, and his many acceptable Services among them. He ſpent the Reſidue of his Days among his Children, and in viſiting Meetings in divers Parts of this County, *Briſtol*, &c. But when Age rendered him incapable of travelling, he very frequently appeared in his own Meeting, to encourage Friends in their great Duty of Waiting upon the Lord; he was freſh and edifying in his Miniſtry to the laſt, and remarkable for his inſtructive and affecting Converſation, being, by his Faithfulneſs to the Gift received, rendered fruitful in the Things of God. And though his Memory and Underſtanding very much decayed ſome time before his Death, yet he retained a good Senſe and Savour of divine Things; and, the Evening before his Departure, gave ſome tender Advice to his Grand-daughter *Katherine Fry*, (*John Fry*'s Daughter) and very ſweetly departed this Life in the Preſence of divers Friends, who were then made ſenſible of his happy End, the 27th of the Second Month

Month 1751, and was buried the 1st of the Third Month at *Hullington* in this County, being attended by many Friends and Neighbours.

Aged near Eighty one, a Minister about Fifty one Years.

A Testimony from the Monthly-meeting of Chesterfield *in* Derbyshire, *concerning* ELIZABETH FLETCHER.

SHE was born in the First Month 1708, at *Low Park* near *Kendal* in *Westmorland*, Her Parents were *Simon* and *Ann Crosfield*, whose chief Care for their Children was to train them up in the Fear of God.

This our deceased Friend was visited by divine Grace when young, and giving heed thereunto, the Work of Regeneration was happily begun in her Soul. While this great Work was perfecting, many sore Engagements and Baptisms of Spirit she underwent, but at length overcame, and was made more than a Conqueror, through him that had loved and laid down his Life for her.

In the Twenty fourth Year of her Age she was married to *Joseph Fletcher* of *Wessington*, a Member of this Meeting, and soon after was called to the Work of the Ministry, which laid her under deep Exercise of Mind; but, by the Almighty's chastising Rod, was made willing to obey his holy Call, and from the State

of a Child, or Babe therein, became an able Miniſter of Chriſt Jeſus.

She travelled pretty much in this Nation, in the Service of the Goſpel, having twice viſited the Meetings in and about *London*, the laſt time in the Year 1748, when ſhe had a Sight that her Service was over in thoſe Parts. She was an Inſtrument in the Lord's Hand in gathering ſeveral from the barren Mountains of empty Profeſſion, ſome of whom yet remain in this County; but was more particularly ſent to the Sheep ſtrayed from *Iſrael*'s Fold, Perſons born and educated amongſt us, who for Want of taking due Heed to the inward Teacher of Souls, had run much out into the Spirit and Evils of this World; ſome of whom, it is probable, will at times remember her with the tendereſt Love; becauſe for their Sakes, to her the Word of Reconciliation was richly diſpenced, and her Labours therein, we truſt, have not been in vain in the Lord; for in ſundry Places where ſhe travelled in Truth's Service, a living Teſtimony remains in the Hearts of many on her Behalf.

She was a Perſon of a good Capacity, much ſweetened and improved by Religion, a tender nurſing Mother in the Church of God, as well as in her own Family, and had a deep and excellent Gift in the Miniſtry. To the Proud and Lofty ſhe was, in the Power of God, as a ſharp Sword, ſmiting at the very Foundation of *Babylon*; yet a true Mourner and Simpathizer

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with ſuch as were awakened to ſee their Condition.

In the latter Part of her time ſhe was much afflicted with Indiſpoſition of Body, and often travelled in great Weakneſs and Difficulty, but her Spirit was ſo wonderfully born up, that ſhe was carried on in her Labours and Travels beyond human Expectation.

She was a diligent Attender of Meetings, and therein a fervent Labourer in Spirit; her Heart was ſet to ſerve the Lord, whom ſhe loved with all her Soul, and ſpared no Pains to be helpful to her Friends and Neighbours, inwardly and outwardly, as ſhe had Opportunity or Ability. In her laſt Ilneſs ſhe was often heard to bewail *a Self-righteous, Phariſaical Spirit*, which ſhe ſaw was crept into the Churches.

She was confined to her Houſe the far greater Part of the laſt Year of her Life. Her bodily Complaints were many, and her Pains often very acute; but the Lord ſupported her through all with ſingular and exemplary Patience and Reſignation to his holy Will.

Two Weeks before her Death, ſhe bore her laſt publick Teſtimony at *Furnace*, and concluded the Meeting in Prayer; after which, growing daily weaker, ſhe ſaid, in the Preſence of ſome Friends, a little before her Death, *That ſhe was willing either to die or live; that ſhe had left nothing undone ſhe had to do, and had nothing but Peace, and the Truth was over all.*

The 20th of the Eighth Month 1751, ſhe quietly departed this Life, Aged Forty three, a Miniſter near Nineteen Years, and was interred the 23d at *Furnace*, the Meeting to which ſhe belonged, her Body being attended to the Grave by many Friends and Neighbours, by whom ſhe was loved and her Loſs lamented. A ſolid and living Teſtimony was there born to the Truth, and her unwearied Labours therein. May the great Lord of the Harveſt, who is removing many eminent Miniſters from his Churches, be pleaſed to raiſe up and qualify others, to ſtand faithful Witneſſes for his Name and Truth in the Earth.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting at Witney *in the County of* Oxford, *concerning* BENJAMIN KIDD.

HE was a Man much beloved and eſteemed, not only by Friends and amongſt his Neighbours, but by People in general of different Ranks and Perſwaſions. He was naturally chearful, open and free in Converſation, which rendered his Company both profitable and very deſirable, being deep and ſound in Judgment, and of great Sincerity and Integrity; a diligent Attender of Meetings, and exemplary in his Conduct amongſt Men; eminenty qualified, by the ſupream Diſpenſer

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of all Good, for great and ſingular Services in the Church, not only in Diſcipline, in which he was excellent, exerting himſelf in great Wiſdom; but through the lively and powerful Influences of divine Grace, conſpicuouſly arrayed with Beauty and Brightneſs in his Miniſtry, rightly dividing the Word of Truth, and unfolding the Myſteries of the Goſpel, to the informing and convincing many who before were unacquainted therewith, and to the Comfort and Encouragement of ſuch as were under Affliction and Diſtreſs of Mind in their religious Progreſs.

Much might be ſaid of his excellent Qualifications, Services and diligent Labours in this Nation, *Ireland*, and *America*; in all which Places he travelled under the Influence of that divine Power and Authority, by which he was enabled to turn many from Darkneſs to Light, and from the Paths of Diſobedience to the Wiſdom of the Juſt.

A more full and exact Account we muſt ſuſpend giving at preſent, not being ſupplied with Materials to be more particular, but which we hope in a little time to be furniſhed with, by which we may give a more full and ample Account of the Labours and Services of this great and good Man our deceaſed Friend; the Removal of whom is not only a great Loſs to us, but likewiſe to the Church in general. But not to dwell much upon that, we ſincerely deſire that the great Lord, who ſo eminently

qualified him, would raiſe up many more ſuch bright Ornaments in the Church, that *Zion* may become a beautiful Habitation, and *Jeruſalem* the Praiſe of the whole Earth.

He departed this Life on the 21ſt of the Third Month 1751, Aged about Fifty nine, a Miniſter about Thirty eight Years.

A ſhort Teſtimony remains upon my Mind to add, concerning my dear and entirely beloved Huſband BENJAMIN KIDD, *deceaſed, whoſe Memory remains and is very precious, and as a ſweet Savour in his Family, and to thoſe that were near and dear unto him.*

HE was a tender Huſband, an indulgent Father, and a true Friend to all Mankind; early called into his Maſter's Vineyard to labour, and indeed made great Improvement in the ſame. In his laſt Ilneſs he was afflicted with great Pain and Sickneſs, which was hard to bear, yet he underwent it with abundance of Patience, without murmuring or repining, being freely reſigned to the divine Hand which ſupported him, and gave him a grounded Hope and Aſſurance of his Well-being.

When the *Hickcough* firſt ſeized him, he was full of Joy, ſaying, *This is a welcome Meſſenger, it is one Step nearer.* And I ſtanding by him ſaid, *Why, my Dear?* He anſwered,

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It will be a glorious Change; I am not afraid to die, and to put on Immortality: That will be durable, yet I leave it; though of Choice I had rather be diſſolved, but the Lord's Time will be the beſt Time. Often ſaying, *Death would be the moſt welcome Meſſenger he ever met with.*

Now he is gone to his Reſt, to reap the bleſſed Fruits of his Labour: May thoſe that are left behind follow his worthy Example, that they may enjoy the ſame Bleſſing, is the ardent Deſire of my Mind for all.

MARY KIDD.

A Teſtimony from Moate *Monthly-meeting in* Ireland, *concerning* WILLIAM SPROULE.

HE was born at *Toberet* in the County of *Weſtmeath* in *Ireland*, in or about the Year 1674; deſcended of honeſt and religiouſly inclined Parents, who educated him in the Way of the Church of *England*; and (as at times he has, in a tender and ſweet Frame of Mind, related to ſundry of us) the Lord was pleaſed, in Mercy, to viſit him in his early Days, and by the Operation of his divine Grace and good Spirit in his Heart, did incline him to a Search after, and Hunger for, that Bread which only and truly ſatisfies the hungry Soul; yet not meeting therewith, though a cloſe

cloſe Attender of Time and Place appointed for publick Worſhip, it cauſed him much Trouble of Mind; which his Father obſerving, and underſtanding the Reaſon, recommended him to the Notice of the Biſhop, and others of the moſt eminent Clergy, with whom he had many Opportunities, but to little Satisfaction, finding them all Strangers to the Way and Workings of that divine Spirit which, in degree, was at work in him; and alſo the Emptineſs of their Recommendations to the Obſervance of *outward Performances*; the Practice whereof he had experienced would no way contribute to true Peace, but rather the contrary: He therefore betook himſelf to reading the Scriptures, Meditation, and ſolitary walking about the Fields; in which, at times, the Lord was pleaſed, in Mercy and Goodneſs, to enlighten his Underſtanding, and afford of his Life-giving Preſence, to his inexpreſſible Joy and Comfort; and having ſome little Acquaintance with, and liking to Particulars of the People called *Quakers*, Deſires were raiſed to know more of them, and the Principles profeſſed by them; and accordingly he got to ſome Meetings, and converſed with them; and believing it to be his Place to join in Society with them, acquainted his Father therewith, who tenderly anſwered, *That if he really thought it his Duty ſo to do, he gave him his free Conſent, and wiſhed it might contribute to his Peace of Mind*; or Words to that Import.

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Some Years after, he married amongſt Friends, and ſettled in the Town of *Athlone*, where his *Chriſtian*-like Life and becoming Deportment gained him the Love and Eſteem of all Ranks of People, both in the Town and Neighbourhood.

His ſitting in Meetings appeared to be under much Weight and Exerciſe of Spirit. In or about the Year 1730, his Mouth was opened in the Miniſtry. While of Ability of Body, he often attended Half-year's, Quarterly and Province-meetings; and viſited ſome Meetings in the neighbouring Provinces. In his publick Appearances he was weighty and tender, much to our Edification and Comfort. He was freely given up to every Service of the Society, and particularly ſerviceable in Family Viſits, wherein he was well accepted.

For ſome time before his Deceaſe, he labour-ed under a painful Diſorder of the *Stone* and *Gravel*, which he patiently bore with much Reſignation, being ſenſible to the laſt. He quietly departed this Life, the 23d of the Third Month 1751, and was buried in Friends Burying Ground at *Moate* the 25th of the ſame.

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The Teſtimony from Mountmelick *Monthly-meeting, in* Ireland, *concerning* JONATHAN BARNES.

HE was educated in the Profeſſion of the *Preſbyterians*, and in his Youth addicted to Gaiety in Dreſs. He was convinced of Truth in the City of *Dublin*, about the Twenty third Year of his Age, and by it was led into Plainneſs and Circumſpection. He afterwards became a living Miniſter, ſound in Diſcipline, and ſerviceable in the Church on divers Occaſions, yet neither aſſuming nor forward; chearful, but not talkative; weighty in Spirit, and reaching in Silence; a lowly minded Seeker of divine Notice and Help; and firm, as a Stake in *Sion*, for the keeping up our ancient Teſtimony in all its Branches. In Family Viſits he was often eminently favoured with an Heart-tendering Power and Energy. He ruled well in his own Family, was eſteemed in his Country, was induſtrious and prudent, charitable and benevolent. His Houſe was freely open for the Lord's Meſſengers, when in that Part, and to receive them, he counted a great Privilege.

He frequently viſited Friends in divers Parts of this Nation; and of *England* and *Scotland* once, in 1733, with his worthy Kinſman *John Aſhton*.

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Of late Years he was afflicted with bodily Infirmity, and often went to Meetings in great Pain. The Day he died, being in a ſweet and tender Frame of Mind, he ſaid, *The God of* Abraham, Iſaac *and* Jacob, *is my God; he called me when I was in the Wilderneſs. I have often read,* O Death, where is thy Sting? *But now I can ſpeak of it by Experience*; — with more of the like Import: After which, he departed in great Stilneſs the 18th of the Fifth Month 1751, Aged about Fifty five, a Miniſter about Thirty one Years.

He was buried the 22d, in Friends Burying Ground in *Kilconenmoor*, in the County of *Tipperary*; many Friends of ſeveral Meetings, and other People, preſent; to whom the Efficacy of Truth was declared, as it had been manifeſted in the Converſion, Life and Miniſtry of this our dear Friend.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Carliſle, *concerning* JONATHAN OSTELL.

OUR ancient worthy Friend *Jonathan Oſtell*, of *Moorhouſe* in *Cumberland*, was deſcended of Parents well eſteem'd amongſt us, who were concerned to give him a ſober and religious Education. But as he advanced in Years, he found his Mind ſtrongly inclined to the vain Cuſtoms and Faſhions of the World; and

and, as he ſometimes ſaid, *was reſolved to caſt off all Reſtraint, and to gratify his Heart's Deſires*; but the Lord, who is rich in Mercy, was graciouſly pleaſed to viſit him, in a powerful Manner, by his Grace and good Spirit, ſo that, by taking heed thereto, he not only witneſſed a happy Change in himſelf, and a paſſing from a State of Condemnation to that of Juſtification and Peace, but was eminently favoured with a Gift in the Miniſtry; in the Exerciſe whereof he experienced a Growth, and became an able Miniſter of the Goſpel. In Prayer he was remarkably fervent and powerful.

His Service and Labour of Love was great, not only amongſt Friends, but alſo with People of other Perſwaſions, with whom he had divers Meetings. He alſo, at different times, viſited the Churches in North and South *Britain*, and *Ireland*; which, we hope, tended to their Edification and his own Peace.

His Heart and Houſe were open to Friends and others. He was plain and humble in Deportment, viſited the Sick, relieved the Poor, was of a loving and free Diſpoſition, and generally beloved.

He was remarkable in his Teſtimony againſt Tithes, not only as to paying them, but even againſt receiving the ſame. In his Life-time, and by his Will, ſo much as in him lay, he inveſted the ſeveral Owners of the Eſtates, out of which he, as Impropriator, had formerly

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been paid, with the Right and Property he believed he had or could have claimed, in an impropriate Tithe; which evidently demonſtrated the Sincerity of his conſcientious Scruple about Tithes.

In the Seventy fourth Year of his Age, he was concerned to go to *London* to the Yearly-meeting (which was the laſt time he attended that Meeting) where we believe he had good Service; and at his Return expreſſed much Peace and Satisfaction.

Though he was of a pretty great Age, and laboured under Infirmities of Body, particularly *Want of Sight*; yet he attended Meetings diligently, and frequently appeared in publick Teſtimony and Supplication, in much Devotion and Tenderneſs of Spirit. In his laſt Sickneſs he ſignified, that *Death was no Terror to him*; and that *he was reſigned to the Will of the Almighty, and could ſay in the Sight of Heaven, that he deſired no Man to do otherwiſe to him than he had done unto them.* And adviſed Friends, who came to ſee him, *to maintain the Teſtimony of Truth in every Branch thereof.* He deſired his Wife, *not to be uneaſy at his being removed, for he believed he ſhould die well; for the Lord was good to him.* And a little before his Death, ſaid, *His Heart was full of Praiſe, though he could not utter it much in Words.* And ſo continued in a ſweet Frame of Mind, ſenſible to the laſt.

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He departed this Life the 12th, and was buried the 15th of the Tenth Month 1752, Aged Seventy ſeven, a Miniſter Fifty three Years.

A Teſtimony from the National Half-year's Meeting in Dublin, *concerning* ABIGAIL WATSON ; *the firſt Part of it wrote by her Huſband.*

SOme Account concerning my dear deceaſed Wife, *Abigail Watſon*, who departed this Life the 11th of the Eleventh Month 1752, in the Sixty eighth Year of her Age, having been a Miniſter Forty Years : In which Service ſhe faithfully laboured in this Nation ; five Times in *England*, and once in *America* : In all which Places, by Accounts received, ſhe had acceptable Service, and many were comforted and edified by her Miniſtry, which was in the Demonſtration of the Power ; in which ſhe was made as a ſharp threſhing Inſtrument againſt all undue Liberty ; yet comfortable to the Mourners in *Zion*.

About a Year before ſhe died, ſhe was ſenſible her Departure drew nigh ; for ſhe found no Engagement on her Mind to travel abroad, as ſhe frequently had done, when of Ability, but ſaid, *She found her Work was done, and nothing in her Way* ; ſo was made quite eaſy, and

and only waited for the Salvation of God, *who*, ſhe ſaid, in a reverent, thankful Frame of Mind, *had been with her all her Life long; and now I ſhall ſing, ſing, ſing.*

During the time of her Weakneſs, whilſt of Ability to get down Stairs, ſhe attended the Meeting, which was held in the Houſe, where ſhe frequently appeared in a living Teſtimony for her Lord and Maſter, to the tendering many Hearts; and when not able to come down, I brought her down in my Arms; and I may ſay, that although her outward Strength decayed, ſhe was daily renewed with the Heavenly Oil, which made her Lamp to burn; and ſhe, under the Anointing that was upon her, often miniſtered to our Comfort, and was enabled to triumph over Death, Hell and the Grave, as I heard her expreſs herſelf, — *O Death, where is thy Sting? O Grave, where is thy Victory?* And indeed, ſhe was wonderfully favoured with the Renewings of Life, in her Weakneſs; and the laſt time ſhe ſpoke to us, in a Meeting in her Chamber, Oh! the Tenderneſs that was felt, and Counſel that was dropt, *for all to take Care of themſelves, and the Education of their Off-ſpring, to bring them up in the Fear of God, out of the Pride, vain Cuſtoms and Faſhions of this World.* As at many other times, it was great Grief to her to ſee the Prevalence of undue Liberty; againſt which libertine Spirit ſhe often had a Teſtimony to bear for her Lord and Maſter; and

indeed, great was her Concern for the riſing Generation.

Some little time before ſhe died, ſhe was viſited by ſome Friends, to whom ſhe tenderly expreſſed herſelf, and ſpoke of the Saying in the *Revelations*, Chap. iii. 21. — *To him that overcometh, will I grant to ſit with me in my Throne, even as I alſo overcame, and am ſet down with my Father in his Throne.* And ſpoke ſweetly on that Subject, adviſing to *Continuance in well-doing, in order to obtain that bleſſed End.*

And although ſhe was much afflicted with Weakneſs, and her Body and Limbs ſo ſwelled, that ſhe could not help herſelf, the Patience and Reſignation of Mind ſhe bore it with, was great; often longing and deſiring to be diſſolved, yet would ſay, *The Lord's Time is the beſt*; ſo that I could not but often admire, how wonderfully ſhe was ſupported in Patience, until her Diſſolution came. She ſenſibly prayed about two Hours before her Departure, and then cloſed her Eyes, and quietly departed this Life without any ſeeming Uneaſineſs, but as one falling aſleep.

And I have many times ſince admired the continued Goodneſs of God to her, in the daily Renewings thereof, and the ſteady Hand of Love which ſupported her through her long Infirmity, with ſo free a Reſignation to the Divine Will; and the Rememberance of her is ſweet. And thankful I am to the God of all

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our Mercies, for his divine Support, having, I think, juſt Ground to conclude, that ſhe died in the Lord, reſts from her Labours, and now receives the Reward of her faithful Services.

To the above I may add, ſhe was exemplary in her Family, in Diligence and Induſtry, helpful to the Poor, a tender affectionate Wife to me, and Mother to my Children; and ſuch a ſweet Harmony ſubſiſted to the laſt, that I do not remember ever any Difference between them, nor an angry Word. I may truly ſay, ſhe was made a Bleſſing to me and mine, and many more; and as we were truly united together in the Bond of Love and Life, we were many times made one anothers Joy in the Lord, ſo that her Loſs to us is great, but her everlaſting Gain.

Killconner, the Firſt Month, 1753. SAMUEL WATSON.

The foregoing TESTIMONY being communicated to us, we have true Unity with it; being deeply affected with the Loſs of ſo ſerviceable an Inſtrument: A truly humble Woman indeed; preſerved in Simplicity of Heart, and Nothingneſs of Self; not forward, nor deſirous of the Applauſe of Men, but ready to give Way to and prefer others. A conſtant Attender of Meetings, and a diligent Waiter in them, for the ſpringing up of divine Comfort; being often enabled, through the Ariſings

thereof, to miniſter to the hungry and thirſty Souls, inviting to the Table of the Lord, and often ſaying, in the Aboundings of Life, *Eat, O Friends, drink, yea, drink abundantly, O Beloved.* Cant. v. 1.

She was a nurſing Mother to the young and tender Plants, fervent and powerful in Prayer for their Proſperity; and that it might pleaſe the Lord to raiſe up a living and baptizing Miniſtry in his Church, which ſhe ſaw to be in a low Situation; yet ſhe was comforted, in a divine Senſe, that the Lord would remember *Zion*, and turn her Captivity as the Streams of the South.

And, in the Openings of the Heavenly Viſion, ſhe ſaw into, and was made to declare of, *a glorious Day approaching*; *which*, though ſhe ſaid, *ſhe might not live to ſee, yet ſhould die in the Faith thereof.* And did believe the Lord would firſt viſit with his Judgments, and purge away the Droſs from among the Profeſſors of Truth, in order for a Preparation thereunto; ſaying, *That if our Society did not keep their firſt Love, and be a ſeparate People out of the Vanities and Corruptions of the World, the Lord would ſet many of them aſide, and call in others; and have a People to ſhew forth his Praiſe, and ſtand for his Truth and Teſtimony on Earth.*

Her Deſire, in Brokenneſs of Spirit, was to the Almighty, who had mercifully reached to her in her Youth, and preſerved her all her Life long, and accompanied her with his divine

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Preſence, in the Courſe of her Service for his Name and Church's Sake, that he might preſerve her living in old Age: *Oh!* ſaid ſhe often in Fervency, *that I may not dwindle in old Age.* And we may ſay, in Thankfulneſs to the Lord, who does not forget to be gracious to his poor Servants, that her Requeſt was granted; for her Miniſtry was to the laſt much attended with Life, which ſhe was often made inſtrumental to raiſe in Meetings, to the comforting the Hearts of the Lord's People, amongſt whom he was pleaſed to exalt her in a good degree, though preſerved in herſelf in true Humility and Nothingneſs, even to the Concluſion of her Time, and finiſhing her Teſtimony amongſt us.

And now, that the Eye and Expectation of all, both Old and Young, may be unto the Lord alone, whoſe Care is ſtill extended over his Church, and who is all-ſufficient of himſelf, and can raiſe up and qualify, even as he removes and takes away, at his Pleaſure, is the Deſire of a Remnant amongſt us.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Worceſter, *concerning* JOHN CORBYN.

OUR ancient and well beloved Friend was born in the aforeſaid City, and was convinced of the bleſſed Truth about the Eighteenth Year of his Age; and, by a diligent and and fervent waiting thereon, he grew ſtrong in Faith, and zealous for the Propogation of the Goſpel of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt; and, when about the Thirty fourth Year of his Age, he came forth in a publick Teſtimony, in great Tenderneſs and Goſpel Simplicity, and continued freſh and lively in the Exerciſe of his Gift, until a few Days before his Death, to the general Satisfaction and Comfort of the Sincere-hearted.

He travelled, as a Miniſter, divers times into ſeveral Parts of *England* and *Wales*, in the Unity and with the Approbation of the Meeting to which he belonged; and, we believe, had good Service in his Labour of Love, and that it had a Tendency to ſtrengthen the Weak, comfort the Afflicted, and ſtir up the Indolent, to Diligence in religious Concerns, both at home and abroad.

He was very exemplary in attending Meetings, both for Worſhip and Diſcipline, and ſolicitous to maintain Love and Unity amongſt Friends;

Friends; and when he apprehended any Thing of a contrary Nature like to prevail, it gave him great Uneaſineſs and Conflict of Mind, till he ſaw Peace reſtored, and that pernicious Weed, *Diſcord*, extirpated. In Contributions of Charity he was liberal, and in Hoſpitality remarkably generous. He retained his Integrity, Underſtanding and Memory, to his End.

Much might be ſaid of this our worthy Friend, but we ſhall only add, that we reſt well aſſured he finiſhed in Peace, and a well grounded Hope of an immortal Crown of Righteouſneſs, which is laid up for all thoſe who love the Appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt.

He departed this Life the 30th of the Firſt Month, and was interred the 1ſt of the Second Month 1752, in Friends Burial Ground in *Worceſter*, in the Eighty third Year of his Age.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting at Coggeſhall *in* Eſſex, *concerning* ELIZABETH BOWING.

SHE was born, as we are informed, in the County of *Suffolk*; and, being convinced of the Truth in the early Part of her Life, paſſed through many Exerciſes, on that Account, from her Mother, who was of a different Perſwaſion.

Some time after her Convincement, ſhe received a Gift of the Miniſtry. She married a Friend whoſe Name was *Appleyard*, a Practitioner in *Phyſick*, who not many Months after was removed from her by Death.

During her Widowhood, ſhe devoted herſelf to the Work of the Miniſtry, and in the Exerciſe thereof became very acceptable to Friends; whoſe Meetings ſhe was concerned to viſit in many Parts of *England*, as alſo in *Ireland* and *Holland*. Her Teſtimony was lively and convincing, miniſtering Comfort and Edification to the Hearers, ſhe having a Readineſs of Utterance, adorned with a becoming Modeſty in all her publick Appearances. She was well known among Friends by the Name of *Elizabeth Appleyard*, until the Time of her ſecond Marriage.

In the Year 1711, ſhe was married to *Edward Bowing*, an honeſt Friend and Shopkeeper at *Boreham* in this County, where they dwelt together many Years. They were loving and open-hearted to Friends, and well reſpected by their Neighbours, being beneficent and liberal to the utmoſt of their Ability.

The laſt of her Travels, in the Service of Truth, which we have an Account of, was in the Year 1736, when, with the Approbation of her Monthly-meeting, ſhe viſited the Meetings of Friends in ſeveral Counties in *England*.

Both her Huſband and ſhe, when at home, ſo long as Ability of Body continued, were

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conſtant Attenders of the Meetings for Worſhip to which they belonged, and remarkably exemplary for their exact Obſervation of the Time appointed. They continued united in the Exerciſe of Faith and good Works till he died, about ſeven Years ſince.

A few Years after his Deceaſe, ſhe being very aged and infirm, was removed to *Chelmſford*, where, after about two Years Continuance, in a conſtant Expectation of her approaching Diſſolution, and in a lively Hope of Reſt and Peace hereafter, which ſhe would be often expreſſing to thoſe who viſited and attended her, ſhe departed this Life on the 25th, and was interred the 28th of the Sixth Month 1753, in Friends Burying Ground at *Chelmsford*, being about Eighty eight Years of Age, and having left a good Savour behind her.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Kendal, *in the County of* Weſtmorland, *concerning* DEBORAH WILSON.

SHE was deſcended of religious Parents, and had her Education in the Way of Truth; the divine Influences whereof, made early Impreſſions on her Mind, by which ſhe was preſerved in a ſober, exemplary Converſation, and became a ſerviceable Member in the Church.

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She was a conſtant Attender of Meetings, though much engaged in Buſineſs, in which ſhe acquired a good Character, and was inſtrumental in ſupporting a numerous Poor.

About the Year 1733, ſhe received a Gift in the Miniſtry, wherein ſhe all along acquitted herſelf with great Sincerity and Plainneſs. She travelled through many Parts of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, gaining much Reſpect, where ſhe came, by her innocent Freedom in Behaviour, and the great Satisfaction ſhe gave, in being always content with the meaneſt Entertainment ſhe met with; though, when at home, had Plenty of the good Things of this Life, whereof ſhe communicated to her Friends with Openneſs of Heart. Her Humility and compaſſionate Regard for thoſe under Affliction, rendered her amiable to ſuch as were acquainted with her.

Her laſt Sickneſs, which was long and ſevere, ſhe bore with much Patience and Reſignation of Mind, frequently ſaying, *That ſhe found nothing to do but to die; having an Evidence that it would be well with her, when the extreme Moments were paſt through.* So that without doubt we conclude, our Loſs is her great Gain.

She died the 29th of the Fourth Month 1754, in the Sixty ſixth Year of her Age, having been a Miniſter about Twenty Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Horſlydown *in* Southwark, *concerning* SIMEON WARNER.

THE affectionate Eſteem and juſt Regard we bear to the Memory of this our ancient and worthy Friend, obliges us to accompany the Notice of his Removal with a brief Teſtimony concerning him.

He was, in the more early Part of his Life, an uſeful and reputable Member of the Church; afterwards, for about the Space of Fifty Years, an able and ſerviceable Miniſter therein.

When he was about Thirty four Years of Age, he found himſelf under a religious Concern, from the Movings of the Spirit of Chriſt, the Sanctifier and Preparer to every good Word and Work, to teſtify in the publick Aſſemblies of the Lord's People, ſomewhat of his own Experience of the Operations of divine Grace in his Heart, for the Encouragement of others; and finding a Return of Peace attended his Obedience therein, became gradually enabled to perſevere in that Part of his Duty, and, with all Readineſs of Mind, to addict himſelf to the Work of the Miniſtry.

His Teſtimony was ſound and edifying, conſonant to and correſponding with the holy Scriptures; his frequent Quotations whereof,

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and Alluſions whereto, ſhewed him to be well inſtructed therein ; a Qualification very agreeable to a Miniſter of the Goſpel : And his aſſiduous Reading of, and Application to, thoſe ſacred Writings, attended with true Converſion to the divine Word in his own Heart, might juſtly entitle him to the Bleſſing pronounced by the Pſalmiſt, *On the Man whoſe Delight is in the Law of the Lord.*

He was a conſtant Attender of Friends Meetings for Worſhip, in and about this City ; and his Love to his Brethren and Siſters, in the Work of the Miniſtry, was ſuch, as induced him conſtantly to attend their Morning-meeting, both on the Firſt and Second Days of the Week, ſo long as the Continuance of his bodily Health and Strength would permit.

But though the general Exerciſe of his Miniſtry was in this City and Parts adjacent ; yet was he at ſome times led to viſit the Churches at a farther Diſtance ; for in the Year 1718, he travelled, together with our Friend *Walter Newbury*, into *Holland* and *Germany*, where his Teſtimony was well received by Friends, and was of good Savour and Service among them.

In the Year 1728, being accompanied by our Friend *Joſeph Gurney*, he took a Journey into the Weſt of *England*, as far as the Land's-end in *Cornwall* ; and viſited the Meetings of Friends through ſeveral Counties in that Part of the Nation, to the general Satisfaction of

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Friends, who received their Teſtimony in a Spirit of *Chriſtian* Love and Brotherhood. He alſo made ſeveral ſhorter Journeys to viſit Friends at *Norwich*, *Briſtol*, &c.

He was a conſtant Attender of his own Monthly-meeting, the Quarterly, Two-Weeks, and Six-Weeks Meetings; and was generally preſent at the Meeting for Sufferings; in all which he was very ſerviceable.

Thus he continued until about the two laſt Years of his Life, when he became exceeding weak in Body, and unable to go out of his Houſe; in which time, though he had little or no Pain or Sickneſs, yet the Courſe of Nature tending to his bodily Diſſolution, his Memory became much impaired; yet did the innocent Sweetneſs and Compoſure of his Countenance, and the Tenderneſs of his Spirit, adminiſter Matter of Comfort to ſuch of his Friends as came to viſit him.

He departed this Life on the 26th Day of the Eighth Month 1754, and we make no doubt ended his Days in Peace with the Lord; having attained the Age of Eighty five Years: He was interred on the 30th of the ſame Month in Friends Burying Ground in *Long-lane*, his Corps being attended to his Grave, from *Horſlydown* Meeting-houſe, by a very great Company both of Friends and others.

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The Teſtimony from Richmond *Monthly-meeting, concerning* MARY RICHARDSON *of* Burton *in* Biſhopſdale.

SHE was one whom the Lord ſaw meet to viſit in her young and tender Years; and as ſhe gave up to the Manifeſtations of Grace received, it pleaſed him to open her Mouth in a publick Teſtimony, and ſhe became cloathed with the Comelineſs of the Goſpel, and truly valuable in his Church; wherein ſhe laboured diligently the Prime and Flower of her Age, not only in this Nation and *Wales*, but in *North Britain* and *Ireland*.

Her Converſation was pleaſant and edifying, being ſeaſoned with a divine Sweetneſs. Her Conduct was ſo innocent and blameleſs, that ſhe gained the Reſpect of Friends and others, both in her Neighbourhood and elſewhere.

Although, through the Courſe of her time, divers Trials and Probations of various Kinds fell to her Lot, yet, as ſhe had learned of him who gives Patience in Tribulation, ſhe bore them with a becoming Reſignation to his holy Will. More might be ſaid to ſhew the *Chriſtian* Qualities of this our worthy Friend, but what we have in View is only a ſhort Memorial of her.

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Her laſt Journey to viſit Friends was into *Ireland*; and although ſhe was weak in Body, yet the good Hand of Providence enabled her to perform it beyond what could reaſonably be expected. Since that time (which was upwards of Twenty Years) through Weakneſs and Infirmity of Body, ſhe has been moſtly confined to her own Houſe, where the Converſation of Friends was acceptable and pleaſant to her, as hers was alſo to them: At which Opportunities, when drawn into Silence, ſhe ſometimes dropp'd a few Sentences from the Fountain of Life, greatly to the Comfort and Refreſhment of thoſe preſent. Thus ſhe ſteadily ſteered along, until the wiſe Diſpoſer of all Things ſaw meet to cut the Thread of her Life; and we have good Cauſe to believe, ſhe is entered into Reſt with him.

She departed this Life the 26th of the Tenth Month 1754, and was buried the 30th of the ſame in Friends Burying Ground at *Carperby*, being accompanied by a pretty many Friends and others.

Aged Ninety, a Miniſter about Seventy Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Marſden *in* Lancaſhire, *concerning* JOHN ECROYD.

HE was Son of *John* and *Alice Ecroyd* of *Briercliffe* in the Pariſh of *Burnley* and County of *Lancaſter*; was religiouſly educated by his pious Parents, his Father having been an able Miniſter of the Goſpel, a ſteady and zealous Labourer therein, a good Example to the Flock of Chriſt, and a patient Sufferer for the Teſtimony of a good Conſcience.

About the Twentieth Year of his Age, he was favoured with an humbling Viſitation of the Day-ſpring from on high, which brought him into an inward Acquaintance with the Almighty, and in a great meaſure redeemed his Mind from the Love of the World and its fading Enjoyments: Solitude and Opportunities for religious Meditation were then his chief Delight, that being abſtracted from the Tumults and Cares of Life, he might be more at leiſure to purſue, without Interruption, the Point he had chiefly in view; and as he was a Man of great Abilities, both natural and acquired, many conceived Hopes, that as they became ſanctified by the Power of Truth, he would one Day be made an uſeful Inſtrument in the Hand of the Almighty.

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But in proceſs of time, this Zeal and Fervour abated: For becoming immerſed in a Life of Buſineſs, and falling into unſuitable Company, he greatly departed from theſe good Beginnings, became leſs circumſpect in his Conduct, and, at times, was overtaken with the Evil of *Intemperance*. In this State he continued for divers Years; during which time, by Intervals, he was under deep Remorſe for his Out-goings, and many times made ſtrong Reſolutions to be more careful; *which* (as he often ſaid) *being made too much in his own Will, were of ſhort Duration.*

About ten Years before his Death, he was again effectually awakened, and favoured with ſuch a Senſe of his lamentable Departure from his firſt Love, and that Purity of Heart which he had in his early Years in part attained, as cauſed him many a ſore Conflict; and entering deeply into his own State, he ſaw the Neceſſity of bearing the Whip of ſmall Cords, that ſo his Temple might again be purged.

He now willingly ſtooped to the Croſs of Chriſt, deſpiſing the Shame, and reſolving with his whole Heart to endure its Diſcipline, and to bear the Indignation of the Lord, becauſe he had ſinned againſt him. An eminent Inſtance of divine Forbearance and Clemency, in thus mercifully ſparing Offenders, and reaching forth a Hand of Love for the reclaiming ſome who have been deemed of the loſt Sheep of the Houſe of *Iſrael*, and, by the Spirit of

Judgment and of Burning, purifying from dead Works the Conſciences of thoſe who ſubmit to the Operation of his pure Spirit and Power, in the Day of Viſitation, as did this our departed Friend, who in the Midſt of Judgment found that Mercy mixed therewith his Soul longed for; ſo that as a Brand pluckt out of the Burning, he lived to tell others what the Lord Almighty had done for his Soul, *That he had brought him up out of the horrible Pit, out of the miry Clay, and ſet his Feet upon a Rock, and was eſtabliſhing his Goings, and had put a new Song in his Mouth, even* PRAISE UNTO OUR GOD.

His Miniſtry was lively and powerful, tending to awaken and rouſe to Diligence the Careleſs and Lukewarm; ſevere, in the Power of the Higheſt, to the Stubborn and Rebellious, but he had often a Word in Seaſon to the weary Soul; tenderly exhorting the Diffident, but Contrite-hearted, to confide in that merciful Regard himſelf had ſo largely experienced: And having known the Terrors of the Lord for Sin, he was earneſtly engaged for the Return and Reconciliation of others. He was a zealous Aſſerter of the Univerſality of the Love of God in Chriſt Jeſus, in Oppoſition to that narrow Doctrine of the *Predeſtinarians*, too much eſpouſed by ſome of his Neighbours.

The great Duty of Worſhip, he eſteemed of the higheſt Importance; and his Diligence in attending Meetings, even when almoſt

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weighed down with old Age and Infirmities, and his awful Attention of Mind when there, were truly exemplary: He was frequently engaged therein, in a particular manner, on Account of his Children, *That they might ſeek to have an Inheritance in the bleſſed Truth, more than all other Enjoyments.*

He was a Man endowed with uncommon Qualifications for the Good of his fellow Creatures, not only with reſpect to his ſerviceable Station in the Church of Chriſt, which was indeed truly eminent, but alſo in the Practice of *Phyſick*; in which Profeſſion he was very ſucceſsful, obtaining a good Report among People of all Ranks and Perſwaſions, and being remarkable for his Integrity and Moderation.

In his laſt Illneſs, notwithſtanding the Severity of his Diſorder, and great bodily Weakneſs, his Soul was many times as a well watered Garden, and many weighty Expreſſions dropt from him, to the Edification of thoſe preſent: Juſt before his Departure he uttered theſe Words, *I feel an Evidence of Peace with God: There is Peace through his precious Blood.*

He quietly departed this Life, greatly lamented, at his Houſe in *Biercliffe* aforeſaid, the 17th, and was buried at Friends Burying Ground in *Marſden* the 21ſt Day of the Second Month 1755, in the Seventy ſeventh Year of his Age.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Shrewſbury, *concerning* GEORGE BRAWN.

HE had a Gift in the Miniſtry, to which we believe he was rightly called, and though it was not large, yet he was a ſincere-hearted Man, and freely given up to do what was in his Power for the Promotion of Truth. He had been a conſiderable while declining in his Health; but as his natural Strength abated, he did to our great Comfort grow ſtronger in the inward Man. He was a good Example to us in diligently attending Meetings, both for Diſcipline and Worſhip; and was very much concerned, in thoſe Meetings, to be made Partaker of the true Benefit thereof, and likewiſe for the Growth of Truth in Friends of our ſmall Meeting, which he conſtantly attended ſo long as Ability of Body would permit, (and even till he was hardly able to go) which was about ſix Weeks before his Departure.

In the time of his Confinement, he expreſſed himſelf very much concerned for the Welfare of Friends in general, and that the Diſcipline might be ſupported; particularly, that Friends would be careful to ſee, that our Teſtimony againſt Tithes was ſtrictly kept to by every Member concerned therein. He much deſired he might be enabled to bear the Afflictions

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of the Body with Patience, *which*, he ſaid, *he found then were enough to bear, without the Reflection of miſpent Time.*

For two Days before he died, he lay ſeemingly quite eaſy and free from Pain, and in that Time uttered many ſenſible Expreſſions, which are not all remembered; one was, *That we muſt patiently wait the Lord's Time, which is the beſt*; by which he appeared to be waiting in Reſignation till it pleaſed the Almighty to remove him hence. Not many Hours before his Departure, he ſaid to a Neighbour, *That his Hearing failed him, his Sight failed him, his Tongue failed him, but the Love of God never failed.* Some time after, he was in a Heavenly Frame of Mind, and continued praiſing and magnifying the Lord Jeſus Chriſt about the Space of near half an Hour; though the whole of his Expreſſions could not be perfectly underſtood, yet the Power that attended him, and was at that Time felt by thoſe that were preſent, was Cauſe of Joy. After this he lay quite ſtill till he breathed his laſt; and we doubt not is entered into that eternal Reſt which is prepared for the Righteous.

He departed this Life the 19th of the Second Month 1755, and was buried the 21ſt of the ſame in Friends Burying Ground in *Shrewſbury*, Aged Sixty two, a Miniſter about Thirty Years.

A Teſtimony from Thirſk *Monthly-meeting in* Yorkſhire, *concerning* WILLIAM BROWN.

HE was born at *Camſton* in the *Eaſt-Riding* of the County of *York*, and deſcended of believing Parents. He was religiouſly inclined in his Youth, and came forth in the Miniſtry about the Twenty fifth Year of his Age, and we believe hath laboured faithfully to the Concluſion of his Days.

He travelled, in the Service of the Goſpel, in ſome Parts of this Nation, but more particularly in ſome of the Northern Counties, and in *Scotland*; of which Viſits we have had acceptable Accounts. He diligently attended Meetings both for Worſhip and Diſcipline, though at times under much Difficulty, as he painfully laboured under a ſevere *Aſthmatick* Diſorder for many Years, which he was enabled to bear with great Patience.

He was often deeply exerciſed for the Growth and Proſperity of Truth. He was ſeveral times concerned to viſit the Families of Friends, where he had to adminiſter ſuitable Advice to the Refreſhment of many; his Teſtimony was plain, ſound and edifying; his Converſation was exemplary, he being of a chearful Diſpoſition, honeſt and ſincere; he was particularly kind and aſſiſting to his

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Friends, eſpecially to the Poor. He was a loving Huſband, a tender Father, and a good Neighbour; and as he lived, ſo he died, in a loving and tender Frame of Mind, being truly reſigned, and uttering many tender and comfortable Expreſſions near his Concluſion.

He departed this Life the 15th Day of the Fifth Month 1755, and was buried in Friends Burying Ground at *Thirſk* the 17th Day of the ſame Month, Aged about Seventy four, having been a Miniſter about Forty nine Years.

A Teſtimony from the National-meeting of Ireland, *held in* Dublin, *concerning* ELIZABETH ASHBRIDGE.

IN the Year 1753, apprehending it required of her to viſit the Meetings of Friends in *England* and *Ireland*, ſhe left her Habitation, with the Conſent of her Huſband, and the Unity and Approbation of Friends, as appears by her Certificate, and performed a religious Viſit to many Meetings in this Nation, to the general Satisfaction of Friends; wherein ſhe endured ſo much bodily Hardſhip in travelling, and underwent ſo much ſpiritual Exerciſe in Mind, that ſhe fell dangerouſly ill at the City of *Cork*; and to thoſe two Cauſes ſhe always imputed her Diſeaſe.

After recovering ſo much Strength as to be able to proceed on her Journey, ſhe left *Cork* and came to *Waterford*, to the Houſe of our Friend *John Hutchinſon*, where ſhe remained very much indiſpoſed for the moſt part of fourteen Weeks; and, in that Interval, was at the Province-meeting at *Clonmell*, where ſhe had extraordinary Service. From thence got to the County of *Carlow*, and to the Houſe of our Friend *Robert Lecky*; whilſt there, ſome Expreſſions, which ſhe uttered in an affecting Manner, were taken down in Writing, and are as follow.

The 7th of the Fifth Month 1755, *Elizabeth Aſhbridge*, being ſorely afflicted with Pain of Body, expreſſed her Fear of not being patient enough under it, but ſeveral times deſired it, ſaying, *O deareſt Goodneſs, grant me Patience till my Change come, and then enable me; and do not forſake me, Lord of my Life.* And, ſpeaking of what ſhe had ſuffered, ſaid, *Words could not expreſs, nor Thoughts conceive, what ſhe had gone through theſe ſeven Months; for what Cauſe, the Lord only knew.* Although it had been ſo with her, yet ſhe would not have any be diſcouraged, *for her Maſter* (ſhe ſaid) *was a good Maſter, and ſhe did not grudge ſuffering for him; though he chaſtiſes his Children, it is for ſome good End; ſometimes for their own, and ſometimes for the Good of others.* And ſaid, *ſhe did not repent coming into this Nation, though ſhe was ſo tried, being ſatisfied ſhe was*

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in her Place, and that it was the Requirings of him who had ſupported her to a Miracle: And now it looked as if two poor weak Women were ſent to lay down their Lives in the Cauſe of Truth: or to this Purpoſe; (her Companion *Sarah Worral* having departed this Life at *Cork* a ſhort time before) *And as many faithful Servants had been Sufferers in this Land, as they were not the firſt, ſhe thought they would not be the laſt.* She mentioned ſomething of its lying heavy on the Inhabitants thereof, if there was not an Amendment. But for thoſe that had put their Hands to the Plough, ſhe deſired ſuch might go on with Courage, and ſaid, *God was on their Side; and that it was happy for thoſe who had remembered their Creator in their Youth.*

Another time, when in extream Pain, ſhe cried out, *Lord, look down upon me*; and begged, *that* Patience, *her old Companion, might not leave her*; and ſaid, *Although Pain of Body was her Portion at preſent, through the Mercies of a gracious God her Mind was pretty eaſy.* Though ſometimes ſhe feared ſhe was not quite fitted for that glorious Manſion which ſhe aimed at, and into which nothing that is unholy can enter; yet had a Hope it was not in Wrath ſhe was chaſtiſed, for ſhe had to acknowledge, *ſhe felt the Touches of divine Love to her Soul:* And ſaid, *She loved the Truth, and thoſe that loved it were precious to her Life, whether Relations or others*; and that *ſhe had*

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ſought it from her Youth, and was thankful for being preſerved ſo, as not to bring a Blemiſh on it, ſince ſhe made Profeſſion thereof, but had done what ſhe could for it.

A Friend taking leave of her, ſhe told him, *Whether he heard of her Life or Death, ſhe hoped it would be well.* Some Friends being with her, ſhe ſaid ſomething of the Singularity of her Trials, but that *the Hand that permitted them, had an indiſputable Right*; to which ſhe ſeemed reſigned, whether in Life or Death, hoping it would be well. She ſaid, *She loved the Truth, and it had been her Support*; and deſired thoſe, that had begun to walk in it, *to keep cloſe to it, and it would never leave them.*

She ſeemed thankful, *that the Beauty of this World, and the Enjoyments of it, were ſtained in her View, and ſhe made willing to give up all; the hardeſt was her dear Huſband, being ſo far from him; but even that was made eaſier than ſhe could expect.* Being wiſhed *a good Night's Reſt*; ſhe ſaid, *She did not expect to be free from Pain, but that every Night, that the Lord ſent, was good; and, though uneaſy, hoped they all would be good Nights, and when once the Gulph was ſhot, ſhe ſhould have Reſt.*

Speaking to a Friend, ſhe ſaid, *She endeavoured to live without a Will*; and that *ſhe hoped ſhe had born her Afflictions with a degree of* Chriſtian *Fortitude.* Being in great Pain, and aſked, *Whether ſhe would be ſettled?* ſhe ſaid, *None could ſettle her but one; and in his*

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own Time, ſhe hoped, he would: Then cried out, *Deareſt Lord, though thou ſlay me, I will die at thy Feet; for I have loved thee more than Life.* She ſpoke affectionately to a Friend that viſited her, gratefully acknowledging the Care and Tenderneſs ſhewn to her, and counted it a high Favour, that the Hearts of her Friends were opened to receive and ſympathize with her. She ſpoke ſomething of the Exerciſes of Mind ſhe went through before her Convincement, and the Time ſhe got Relief out of great Diſtreſs, and was enabled to make Covenant with the Lord; *which Time ſhe ſtill remembered, and hoped ſhe ſhould never forget, being deſirous often to return to* Bethel, *and to remember the Time of her Eſpouſals.* She acknowledged the Advantage there was *in being deeply tried, and that it was the Way to be enabled to ſpeak comfortably to others.*

Having grown weaker for ſeveral Days, ſhe departed this Life, in a quiet Frame, the 16th of the Fifth Month 1755, and on the 19th her Corps (accompanied by many Friends) was conveyed, in a ſolemn Manner, from our Friend *Robert Lecky*'s to Friends Burying Ground at *Ballybrumhill*, where ſeveral Teſtimonies were born to the Truth.

Thus our dear Friend finiſhed her Courſe. It remains briefly to add our Teſtimony concerning her.

She was a Woman of an excellent natural Underſtanding; in her Converſation chearful, yet

yet grave and inſtructive; ſhe felt the Afflictions of others with a tender Sympathy, and bore her own with Patience and Reſignation.

As a Miniſter, ſhe was deep in Travail, clear in her Openings, plain and pertinent in her Expreſſions, ſolid and awful in her Deportment, and attended with that *baptizing Power*, which is the Evidence of a living Miniſtry; and which ſo evidently attended her, in the laſt Teſtimony ſhe bore in a publick Meeting (in great bodily Weakneſs) that moſt or all preſent were reached and deeply affected thereby, and a young Woman was, at that Time, convinced of the Truth; which was as a Seal to the finiſhing of her Service in the Work of the Miniſtry; and, in which, being ſo owned to the laſt, we have no doubt but ſhe now receives the Reward of the faithful Servant, and is entered into the Joy of her Lord.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from Brighouſe *Monthly-meeeting in* Yorkſhire, *concerning* JOHN SCOTT.

HE reſided, the greateſt part of his Time, in the Town and Neighbourhood of *Leeds*, and did early embrace the Heart-tendering Viſitations of God's Love to his Soul, under which he became very ſolid and religious whilſt young; and ſo effectual was the Power and Prevalency thereof upon him, that before the Expiration of his Apprenticeſhip, he came forth in a publick Teſtimony. And as the holy Anointing continued and increaſed upon him, he grew in the Root, and became well grounded in the Miniſtry of the Goſpel of Peace and Salvation, and ſeemed ever careful not to go beyond the Line of Truth therein. And as he was not large, ſo he was not frequent, in his publick Appearances: Towards the Concluſion of his Time, his Miniſtry appeared ſtill more lively. In our Meetings of Worſhip, he was ſingularly ſteady in his waiting for the Ariſings of divine Life and Power, and was ready to join with it, in whomſoever he found it to appear.

He viſited, at ſeveral times, the greateſt Part of this Iſland; and once, with his dear Friend *John Haſlam*, the Kingdom of *Ireland*, and *Holland*: In all which, we have reaſon to believe his Labours were acceptable to Friends.

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He was a conſtant Attender of our Meetings for Diſcipline, and was of conſiderable Service therein, having a peculiar Talent for the good Purpoſes thereof. He was quick of Apprehenſion, and ſound in Judgment, and when concerned to ſpeak to Caſes, his Words were few and ſavoury. He was remarkably tender of having any *diſowned*, without firſt trying, by Goſpel Endeavours, affectionately to reclaim them; neither was he leſs careful, that the Society ſhould not be impoſed on by the ſpecious Pretences or ſuperficial Acknowledgments of any. Such was his Regard for Peace and good Order in the Society, that he often employed and exerted his Abilities in that good and laudable Office of a *Peace-maker*, both at home and abroad with Succeſs.

He was a frequent Attender of the Yearly-meeting at *London*, where he was well received, and we hope of Service. His laſt Journey thither, was with his above-mentioned Friend *John Haſlam*, taking Meetings through ſeveral of the Inland Counties, which he performed, though very weak in Body; and conſtantly attended the Meetings in *London*, and appeared very lively and acceptably therein. When theſe Meetings were over, he, by ſhort Journeys, (viſiting ſome Meetings in his Way) reached our Quarterly-meeting at *York*, which alſo he attended, notwithſtanding the bodily Infirmities which were upon him, and was evidently favoured with the Goodneſs of Truth.

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This Meeting being over, and not being able to reach home, he tarried at *York*, and was enabled to ſit with Friends there, in their Meeting the Firſt-day after, and appeared to the Satisfaction of Friends, as it was in a degree of the Demonſtration of the Spirit and Power. After which, becoming weaker and weaker, on the Fifth-day following he breathed his laſt, having bore his Ilneſs with remarkable Reſignation and Quietneſs of Mind, and we doubt not is entered into eternal Reſt.

He died at *York* the 3d Day of the Seventh Month 1755, and was buried in Friends Burying Ground in *Leeds* the 6th Day of the ſame, Aged about Seventy, a Miniſter Fifty Years.

A Teſtimony from Marſden *Monthly-meeting in* Lancaſhire, *concerning* ALICE HALL.

PRECIOUS in the Sight of the Lord is the Death of his Saints; precious the Rememberance of their Lives to his People, and worthy to be recorded, as Examples to preſent and ſucceeding Generations; that marking the peaceful End of the Perfect and Upright, many may be induced more ſteadily to perſevere in the Footſteps of the Flock of Chriſt, and encouraged to enter early into the Vineyard of our Lord, as did this our departed Friend; who

who having been favoured with the valuable Bleſſing of a religious Education, under the Care of pious Parents, gave timely Hopes of an Increaſe in Piety, advancing in Grace as ſhe advanced in Years.

About the Twenty fourth Year of her Age, ſhe was called to the Work of the Miniſtry, and gave Proofs of her Love to the Almighty, by Obedience to his Requirings, continuing a diligent and faithful Labourer in his Service to the End of her Life.

She was a Perſon generally beloved, both by Friends and others that were acquainted with her, conſtantly evidencing, both by Example and Precept, that the Honour of God and the Good of Souls were her chief Concern.

In Meetings ſhe was diligent in attending to the Heavenly Gift, and being influenced by the Holy Spirit, her Doctrine was exceedingly edifying. She hath for ſeveral Years been infirm of Body, but ſtrong and fervent in Spirit.

The State of her Mind, towards the Cloſe of her Life, we think can't better be expreſſed than in her own Words, in a few Lines ſhe ſent to the Meeting ſome time before her Departure, *viz.*

" The Renewings of the ſame Divine Love,
" which we have often enjoyed together, doth
" at this Time tender my Heart, and maketh
" me humbly thankful to the God of my Life,
" that he hath not only been pleaſed to call me
" into his Vineyard when young in Years, but

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" alſo to be near, from time to time, and favour " me with his living and powerful Preſence " now in my old Age, to his Glory and my " exceeding great Comfort: For which, I am " very thankful to him, who is worthy of " all Glory and Honour for evermore." Thus did ſhe continue fruitful in old Age, and laid down her Head in perfect Peace, the 3d of the Ninth Month 1755, in the Seventy fourth Year of her Age. A Miniſter about Fifty Years.

A Teſtimony from Newcaſtle *Monthly-meeting, concerning* ARCHIBALD GILLESPY.

HE was convinced of, and embraced, the Principles of Truth in his young Years, and as he gave up in Obedience to the Manifeſtations thereof, was by the Operation of that Divine Power and Grace, by which he was firſt reached and early called to the Work of the Miniſtry, well fitted and qualified to hold faſt the Heavenly Treaſure, which dwelt largely in him. He was alſo furniſhed with Wiſdom to divide the Word aright, to the Comfort and Edification of many, like the good Scribe, bringing forth, out of his Treaſury, Things new and old. He was powerful and reaching in his Miniſtry, fervent and ſolemn in Prayer, very regular and circumſpect

in his Conduct; of a peaceable Diſpoſition, an humble Life, and godly Converſation; an affectionate kind Huſband, a tender and loving Parent.

He was a due Attender of Meetings for divine Worſhip, as alſo Monthly and Quarterly-meetings for Diſcipline, whilſt he had Ability of Body, and many times had good Service therein; tho' we don't find that he travelled much abroad in the Work of the Miniſtry, except into *Scotland*, and ſome of the Northern Counties in *England*, where, we believe, he was well received, and had good Service, not only in ſtopping the Mouths of Gainſayers, but his Doctrine, at times, dropt as Dew, and his Speech diſtilled as the ſmall Rain, greatly refreſhing the tender Plants.

We are ſenſible of the great Loſs the Church has ſuſtained by his Death, though we believe it is his great Gain, who has done a good Day's Work, and as a Shock of Corn full ripe, we doubt not, is entered into the Reſt prepared for all thoſe that love and ſerve the Lord.

He died the 30th of the Tenth Month at *Newcaſtle*, and was buried the 2d of the Eleventh Month 1755, in Friends Burying Ground there, Aged near Eighty nine, and a Miniſter Sixty two Years.

A Teſtimony from Carliſle *Monthly-meeting, concerning* DAVID HODGSON.

HE was born at *Wormanby* near *Carliſle* in *Cumberland*; his Parents were of good Repute and Eſteem among Friends and others; and being favoured with a religious Education, as he advanced in Years, came more immediately to experience in himſelf the Viſitations of divine Grace, which teacheth to live ſoberly, righteouſly and godly in this preſent World; and as he gave up in Obedience thereunto, experienced Peace and Juſtification in his own Soul; and, about the Year 1704, came forth in a publick Teſtimony to the Univerſality of the Love of God in Chriſt Jeſus, and to the effectual Operation of his Grace in the Hearts and Souls of Mankind, in order to their Salvation; and his Miniſtry was attended with a fervent Engagement of Spirit for the Cauſe of Truth, and the Proſperity thereof.

He attended the Yearly-meeting in *London* ſeveral times, in his younger Years, and viſited the Meetings of Friends in divers Parts of this Nation; in *Scotland* more generally, and in *Ireland* two different Times: Of which Labours of Love, and Services in the Truth, we have had good Accounts.

He was a diligent Attender of Meetings, and exemplary in timely coming. And though in Meetings for Diſcipline he was not forward to ſpeak to Affairs; yet was much concerned for Peace and the good Order of the Church, for the reconciling of Differences, and maintaining the Diſcipline thereof.

He entertained Friends with great Openneſs and Freedom. He was a loving Huſband, a kind Friend, a peaceable Neighbour, and charitable to the Poor and Afflicted. He bore a faithful Teſtimony againſt the antichriſtian Yoke of Tithes, not only as to paying, but as to receiving them; for being by Law intituled to an *impropriate Tithe*, he refuſed to receive the ſame in his Life-time; and at his Death, by Will deviſed the ſaid Tithe to the ſeveral Owners of the Eſtates, out of which it was payable.

In the Decline of Life, though he did not enjoy a good State of Health, yet he attended Meetings at home when able, and the Monthly and Quarterly-meetings; though he appeared not much in the Miniſtry of late, yet we have Cauſe to believe he retained the ſame Love and Unity of Spirit, with Truth and Friends, and the Cauſe thereof.

As his Diſorder grew upon him, which was ſaid to be of the *Paralytick* kind, his Capacity was in ſome degree impaired, tho' he moſtly continued ſenſible to the End. He departed this Life in great Stilneſs the 14th of the

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Eleventh Month 1755, and was buried the 16th of the ſame, in Friends Burying Ground at *Moorhouſe* (a ſolemn Meeting being firſt held) attended by many Friends and others.

Aged Seventy nine, a Miniſter Fifty one Years.

A Teſtimony from the South *Monthly-meeting in the County of* Warwick, *concerning* JOHN BEVINGTON.

OUR dear and much eſteemed Friend *John Bevington*, was one who, by a divine Touch, was prevailed upon in his young Years, to turn his Back upon Folly, and endeavour to walk in the Paths of Virtue and Righteouſneſs; and being naturally of a chearful, active and generous Temper, quick of Apprehenſion, and of good Judgment, he became more than ordinarily uſeful in his Generation as a Man, as well as through divine Favour, as a *Chriſtian* and a *Miniſter*; ſo that it may be truly ſaid of him, that, as a Neighbour, he was ſociable, very ſerviceable, and lived and died in good Repute; as a Friend, ſincere, ſympathizing and ready to aſſiſt; as a Huſband and Parent, tender and affectionate, careful and ſolicitouſly concerned, by Precept and Example, to train up his Children in Plainneſs, Sobriety, and the Principles of true

Religion; and for many Years, at the Head of a large Family of Children and Servants, demeaned himſelf as a prudent Oeconomiſt, with a Heart and Houſe open for the Entertainment of his Friends. A zealous Attender of Meetings, both for Worſhip and Diſcipline, and a Promoter of Opportunities of Retirement in his own Family and others: And thus (as alſo in his general Conduct) endeavouring, by a circumſpect and exemplary Life and Deportment, to come up in the Diſcharge of his Duty towards God and Man; and having his Eye to the Recompence of Reward, was enabled by Faith to preſs through the Entanglements of an adverſe World, and run with Patience the Race ſet before him, though often in the Deeps; largely experiencing, that through many Tribulations the Righteous enter the Kingdom.

As to his publick Teſtimony it was ſound and edifying, which rendered him very near and valuable to many, and well approved amongſt us. He travelled not a little, in the Service of the Miniſtry, in this Nation. In the Year 1749 he viſited *Scotland*, in Company with *John Lewis*, and had ſeveral Meetings diſtant from the Reſidence of any under our Denomination; which Opportunities he particularly mentioned in his laſt Ilneſs, as believing the Fields in that part are white unto Harveſt: That Journey he viſited Friends in *Ireland*, miſſing few if any Meetings in that Nation;

Nation; and that theſe his Labours of Love tended to real Service, and the mutual Satisfaction of himſelf and thoſe amongſt whom his Lot was caſt, is beyond doubt with us; for we believe he was moved and exerciſed therein, under divine Influence.

To theſe his Labours, as a Miniſter, we may add, that he, as a Member in our Meetings of Diſcipline and Church Affairs, was for many Years remarkably ſerviceable. The Loſs of ſuch Worthies is really matter of Lamentation, but being ſatisfied our Loſs terminates in his eternal Gain, we deſire to ſubmit to that Providential Arm, who giveth and taketh away as it pleaſeth him.

His laſt Ilneſs, being a Diſorder in his Stomach and Bowels, proved exceeding painful, and having little Appetite, reduced his Strength apace; but that Power that viſited him in his Youth, and had been underneath to ſuſtain in every needful Time, did not leave him in this his final Conflict, but enabled him to endure it with Patience, and to triumph over Death, the Sting thereof being removed.

Amongſt the few Expreſſions, through Pain and Difficulty delivered, he ſignified, *That though he had laboured abundantly, he had no Merit of his own, but truſted in the Mercies of God, and had Hopes of a bleſſed Immortality; and might he but quietly paſs away, the greateſt Monarch's Place on Earth, would be diſpiſed by him, in compariſon of eternal Reſt; and tho' his*

Family and Friends were near and dear to him, yet now he could not but beg to be diſſolved.

He departed this Life in a very innocent and Lamb-like Frame, at his own Habitation at *Upper Eatington*, the 15th Day of the Twelfth Month 1755, in the Sixty fifth Year of his Age, having been a Miniſter near Forty Years; and on the 17th of the ſaid Month, his Body was decently interred in Friends Burying Ground at *Upper Eatington* aforeſaid, accompanied by many Neighbours, Relations and Friends, which was a very ſolemn Opportunity.

A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Witham *in* Eſſex, *concerning* ANNA FLACK.

IT having pleaſed the Lord to remove by Death our worthy Friend *Anna Flack*, the Remembrance of her Zeal and *Chriſtian* Labours engages us to impart, as a Teſtimony, That having received a Gift in the Miniſtry of the Goſpel of Chriſt, ſhe appeared in a publick Teſtimony about the Twenty ſixth Year of her Age. Her Integrity and Faithfulneſs in the Exerciſe thereof was great, notwithſtanding her Afflictions and Trials, of which ſhe had an uncommon Share, which rendered her State *a Life of Sorrows*; but ſhe attained Experience by the Things which ſhe ſuffered, and

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being faithful, they added to her Enjoyment of the Lord's Goodneſs, and the Advancement of his Work; ſo that many in this and the adjacent Counties can from comfortable Expe-rience teſtify, ſhe was ſent of God to water his Heritage.

Her Miniſtry, accompanied with the holy Anointing, tended greatly to the Encourage-ment and Edification of the Sincere-hearted, ſhe being frequently and zealouſly concerned, in the Courſe of her Service, in true Goſpel Love to call unto, invite and warn the Diſobe-dient to forſake the Evil of their Ways, and turn to the Lord with all their Hearts, whilſt the Day of his merciful Viſitation was extend-ed unto them.

She was ſincerely concerned to adorn her Doctrine with a Converſation agreeable thereto, being a good Example in diligent Attendance of religious Meetings, in which ſhe was a true and faithful Labourer in Spirit, for the Reſur-rection of that divine Life and Power, which is the Crown of all our religious Aſſemblies. Her grave, weighty and tender ſitting therein was affecting to behold.

She was greatly ſerviceable in the Promotion of our Womens Meetings of Diſcipline: The Members of which will be no ſmall Sharers in the Loſs of ſo valuable a Friend. She was concerned for the Promotion of Truth in general, alſo earneſtly exerciſed on Account of her own Family in particular, that they might

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live in the Fear of God; being an affectionate Wife, and a very tender careful Mother to her Children, much beloved by her Neighbours in general, to whom she was serviceable in divers Respects, and the Loss of her is generally lamented by them.

In the latter Part of her Life she had an infirm State of Body, whereby she was rendered unable to travel any considerable Distance; yet she constantly visited and attended Meetings about home when able, and very frequently when under Indisposition of Body. We believe and trust she is at Rest, the Lord calling her from laborious Works to a peaceful Reward.

She departed this Life the 20th of the Twelfth Month 1755, at her House in *Boreham*, Aged about Forty six Years, and was buried at *Witham* the 25th of the same Month, a great many Friends and others accompanying her Body to the Place of Interment.

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A Teſtimony from the Monthly-meeting of Reading *in* Berkſhire, *concerning* ISAAC PICKERELL.

OUR ſaid dear Friend removed from *London*, and ſettled with us the latter End of the Year 1723, where his Company and religious Services have been very acceptable; the Lord having bleſſed him with a conſiderable Share of Underſtanding, both in divine and natural Things, whereby he was well qualified, as well as zealouſly concerned, for the maintaining that good Order and wholſome Diſcipline eſtabliſhed in the Church, and therein acted with that prudent Care and Circumſpection, which evidently denoted that he lived near to the Well-ſpring of Divine Goodneſs. He was very aſſiſting, by Advice and otherwiſe, to Friends in Caſes of Difficulty, either of a religious or civil Nature; having a true Sympathy with ſuch as were concerned for the Proſperity of *Zion*, unto whom he was as a nurſing Father. Neither did the afflicted Widows, or their Fatherleſs Children, eſcape his Regard. And as he truly feared the Lord, and delighted in the Company of his People, ſo his Heart as well as Houſe was open to ſuch whom the Lord concerned for the ſpreading of his glorious Goſpel.

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The many good Advices and ſweet Opportunities ſome of us have had with him, renders his Memory dear and precious to us. He was an early and conſtant Attender of our religious Meetings, whilſt Ability of Body permitted, and when there, would wait with that becoming Gravity, which denoted a well compoſed Mind, waiting in the Gift received for the ariſing of the Spring of eternal Life, in which his Heart was often enlarged, and his Mouth opened amongſt us, to the Reviving of the Spirits of thoſe that were ready to droop, as well as to the Refreſhment of the Sincere in Heart; though full in the Diſcharge of his Duty to the Stubborn and Rebellious.

He was ſound in Doctrine, diſtinct in Delivery, and his Miniſtry edifying as well as convincing; as many were Witneſſes to, not only in theſe Parts, but likewiſe in moſt Parts of *Great Britain*, where his Labour of Love, and Goſpel Miniſtry was very acceptable.

For divers Years paſt he was afflicted with a Diſorder which brought on him great Weakneſs of Body, but he remained ſound in his Memory and Underſtanding, and in humble Reſignation to the Divine Will patiently waited for his Change; declaring, not long before it came upon him, his Satisfaction *in that he found his Day's Work was done, and that he had faithfully ſerved the Lord, his Church and People*; ſo that we may ſay, in the Words of the holy Apoſtle, *He had fought the good Fight,*

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and kept the Faith, and is gone to receive the immortal Crown which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to all thoſe that love his Appearing.

He quietly departed this Life the 23d of the Second Month 1756, and was buried the 1ſt of the Third Month following, in Friends Burying Ground at *Reading*, his Funeral being attended by many Friends and ſober Neighbours; where divers living Teſtimonies were born to the Excellency of that Power, by which he was raiſed up and preſerved to his Concluſion: Aged near Seventy nine, a Miniſter about Fifty three Years.

A Teſtimony from the Mens Meeting at Cork *in* Ireland, *concerning* ANN HART.

BY an Account which ſhe delivered to a Friend before her Ilneſs, we underſtand that ſhe was educated amongſt the *Baptiſts*, and, when very young in Years, was often affected with the Miniſtry of one *Coleman*, a *Baptiſt* Preacher, who, when Orders came to this City to ſtop all Diſſenters Meetings, dropt the publick Meeting; which occaſioned much Thoughtfulneſs and Exerciſe in her Mind; and being at ſome Loſs, ſhe went to the publick Worſhip, but ſoon grew weary, and diſſatisfied with the Deadneſs and Formality thereof:

thereof: Whereupon, obſerving that Friends kept up their Meetings at that Time of Perſecution, ſhe went to one of them, and was ſo reached by the Viſitation of Truth, through their living Miniſtry, that ſhe was thereby convinced, took up the Croſs and joined with them, (being then about Thirteen Years old) notwithſtanding the many Slanders that were raiſed againſt them, both by malicious Tongues and abuſive Books, as a People denying the *holy Scriptures*, *Prayer*, &c. which ſhe ſoon found were falſe. And being concerned to be faithful to the Diſcoveries of Truth in her own Mind, ſhe witneſſed a Growth in it, and received a Gift in the Miniſtry, in the Exerciſe of which ſhe was very acceptable to us, being lively and to our Edification.

During her Ilneſs, ſhe often gave good Counſel and Advice to Friends that viſited her, and expreſſed her religious Experiences in an affecting Manner to them, which were omitted to be taken down; but, in particular, a little before her Deceaſe, ſhe recommended to Friends, *That they ſhould be concerned to invite, and bring into the Mens and Womens Meetings, ſuch Youth as were ſober and orderly*; as alſo, *that they ſhould be weighty in their Meetings, and be careful to keep near to Truth*; *and, as it may open, give Judgment impartially, without Favour or Affection.* And having retained her Integrity to the End, we believe is now entered into thoſe Manſions of eternal Felicity, where

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the Wicked ceaſe from troubling, and the Weary are at Reſt.

She departed this Life the 22d of the Third Month 1757, in the Eighty ſeventh Year of her Age.

A Teſtimony from the Quarterly-meeting of Oxfordſhire, *held at* Witney, *concerning* THOMAS GILKES.

WHEN it pleaſed Divine Goodneſs to call him into the Miniſtry, it was his Care ſo to demean himſelf, as to adorn the Doctrine of Truth; and he was a Man much beloved, not only by Friends, but by his Neighbours. We think he might be deemed one of thoſe Elders that deſerved *double Honour*, being found in Doctrine, diligent in the Lord's Buſineſs, and an excellent Example of Induſtry in his Family. And when drawn abroad, in the Love and Service of the Goſpel, (which was frequent while able) he was particularly careful to return home with great Expedition, when he looked upon his Service to be over. So that we think we may ſafely ſay, God's Glory and the Good of his fellow Creatures were what he eſteemed his chiefeſt Joy.

His Care over the Church was great; he might be called a ſteady Watchman: And it is evident, he ruled his own Houſe well, and

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brought up his Children in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord, who hath been a rich Rewarder of his Care; for he was livingly made ſenſible of his Bleſſing reſting upon him, and even when his outward Man was decaying, and his Race ſeemed near at an End, the Heart-melting Goodneſs of the Lord often made his Cup run over, and he felt the Evidence in himſelf, *that he had fought a good Fight, and kept the Faith*, and we have no Cauſe to doubt but he now inherits an incorruptible Crown.

May the God and Father of all our Mercies, if it be his Pleaſure, raiſe up many more ſuch worthy Inſtruments, that his Plantation may be watered, and living Praiſes more and more aſcend to his great and excellent Name, who is worthy for ever and ever.

He was Aged Eighty two; a Miniſter about Fifty Years.

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A Teſtimony from Ulſter *Province-meeting in* Ireland, *concerning* ROBERT RICHARDSON.

HE was convinced in his Youth of the Principles of Truth, and led an orderly exemplary Life according thereto. He was diligent in attending Meetings at home and abroad, and zealous for the maintaining our Diſcipline; well qualified for viſiting Families, and concerned to promote it. He had a few Words in Meetings for near Twenty Years, and though his Expreſſions were but ſhort, they were frequently attended with Tenderneſs, being ſound and ſuitable to the State of the Meeting.

He had extraordinary Openings of Scripture Paſſages, which were comfortable and edifying. He was often under Trouble, and ſorrowfully expreſſed his Concern for the declining State of the Church, and the undue Liberties, and the Unconcernedneſs, which were ſpreading amongſt the Profeſſors of Truth.

In his laſt Ilneſs, a few Days before his Departure, among many other weighty and ſenſible Expreſſions, he ſaid, *Now I know that my Redeemer liveth; Glory and Honour to his holy Name for evermore.*

He departed this Life the 29th of the Fifth Month 1756, Aged Eighty eight Years.

A Teſtimony from Norwich *Monthly-meeting, concerning* PETER ANDREWS.

OUR dear Friend *Peter Andrews*, from Weſt *Jerſey* in North *America*, being on a religious Viſit to Friends in this Nation, deceaſed in this City; and the lively Senſe of his Services, and the Regard we bear to his Memory, engages us to tranſmit the following Teſtimony concerning him.

His firſt Viſit to us was in the Eleventh Month 1755, and his Service and exemplary Deportment will remain as a laſting Teſtimony for him, and to the Truth he preached, in the Minds of many; and we have good reaſon to believe he was made inſtrumental, in a very particular manner, to the Help and Furtherance of ſome amongſt us, whom it had pleaſed the Lord to viſit with a freſh Viſitation of his Love. And by the Information of other Friends, who well knew him, and particularly our Friend *Edmund Peckover*, who frequently accompanied him, as well as from our own Knowledge, we are enabled to give the following brief Account of his Labours and Travels, from the Time of his Arrival to his Death.

He landed in the South Part of *England*, in or about the Sixth Month 1755, and came directly up to *London*, where he was kindly received

received by Friends, and had very good Service during a ſhort Stay there; but being deſirous of being at the Quarterly-meeting to be held at *York*, in Company with ſeveral Friends of *London*, he went as directly to the ſaid City as he could well do, being near Two Hundred Miles, and reached there by the 24th of the Sixth Month, at which Time began the Quarterly-meeting; and this our dear Friend had a very memorable and weighty Opportunity in Miniſtry, in the Meeting of Miniſters and Elders at the Opening thereof; but, in the ſucceeding Meetings for Worſhip, was moſtly ſilent; yet in thoſe for Diſcipline, was divinely led to ſet forth the Nature, good End and Tendency of the ſame, and very zealouſly preſſed to the keeping them up, in the ſame Wiſdom and Power in which they were firſt eſtabliſhed; evidently ſetting forth, *that they proceeded from that which gathered our Forefathers to be as a peculiar People unto God*; to the no ſmall Edification and Comfort of many ſincere Hearts, who rejoiced greatly in having his Company, which remains freſh in their Remembrance; his Services being as Bread caſt upon the Waters, which, according to the wiſe Man's Obſervation, *ſhall be found after many Days.*

After the Quarterly-meeting was ended he went to *Pickering*, where a very large Meeting is kept Annually for Worſhip, and had ſeaſonable and profitable Service. He travelled

to many other Places in that County, and Friends were greatly refreſhed and edified by his *Chriſtian* Viſit, though not always attended by publick Declarations in their religious Meetings appointed on his Account, which were moſtly very large, and Expectations high, yet his Eye was to his great Maſter's putting forth. He often was led to famiſh that too eager Deſire after Words; and in ſeveral publick Meetings he had nothing to ſay amongſt them; which, tho' a great Diſappointment to many for the preſent, yet there afterwards appeared a ſignal Service in it.

He was at *Yarm*, *Stockton*, *Bainbrig*, and ſeveral other Meetings in and about the Dales; then came to *Leeds*, *Bradford*, *Wakefield*, *Doncaſter*, and ſo into *Lincolnſhire*; which County he viſited pretty generally, alſo the Iſle of *Ely*, and came into *Norfolk*, and to this Place in the Eleventh Month 1755, as afore-mentioned; was at moſt, if not all, of Friends Meetings in our County; then went into *Suffolk* and *Eſſex*, and returned to *London* the latter End of the firſt Month 1756, where he remained a few Weeks, being exceeding ill; yet was at moſt of the Meetings in that City, and was very ſerviceable, with many other Friends, in Affairs particularly relating to the Society in *Penſilvania* at that Time.

He went back again into *Eſſex*, and ſo for *Hertfordſhire*, ſome Parts of *Buckinghamſhire*, *Oxfordſhire*, *Gloceſterſhire*, and to the Yearly-

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meeting at *Briſtol* in the Fifth Month 1756; and had good Service both in Meetings for Worſhip and Diſcipline, which was well received, and, it is hoped, made laſting Impreſſions on the Minds of many who had the Opportunity of being preſent.

His Indiſpoſition ſtill continued, but did not hinder him from travelling: From *Briſtol* he paſſed through ſome Part of *Gloceſterſhire*, *Wiltſhire*, and *Oxfordſhire*, and got to the Yearly-meeting at *London* in the Sixth Month, and altho' his Ilneſs continued upon him, was enabled to bear ſeveral living Teſtimonies, in the Demonſtration of the Spirit and of Power.

After the ſaid Yearly-meeting was ended, he came down to the Yearly-meetings at *Colcheſter* and *Woodbridge*, where he was eminently ſupported to be ſerviceable in the Churches. At *Woodbridge* he was ſtrengthened to bear a large, powerful and affecting Teſtimony in the laſt Meeting of Worſhip, to the tendering of many Hearts, whoſe States were ſo effectually ſpoken to, as that it may be fitly compared to the Excellency, and glorious Situation which the *Pſalmiſt* deſcribed, when he ſays, *How good, and how pleaſant a Thing it is, for Brethren to dwell together in Unity! It is like the precious Ointment upon the Head, that ran down upon the Beard, even* Aaron's *Beard, that went down to the Skirts of his Garments: As the Dew of* Hermon, *and as the Dew that deſcended upon the Mountains of* Zion; *for there*

the Lord commanded the Bleſſing, even Life for evermore, Pſalm cxxxiii. 1, 2, 3. It was indeed a moſt Heavenly, precious, baptizing Seaſon, (this being the laſt publick Opportunity our dear Friend had) in which he was wonderfully led to ſet forth the progreſſive Steps the Almighty was pleaſed to make uſe of, in appearing to *Gideon*, confirming him in the Certainty of his Requirings, condeſcending to grant his Requeſts in a very peculiar Manner, and ſealing them with his Preſence, and giving him Victory over his Enemies, as he was faithful to follow the bleſſed Author that pointed forth the beginning as well as finiſhing that great Work, to which that extraordinary Servant of God, *Gideon*, in his Day was called; which memorable Service of our dear Friend, there is great Reaſon to believe the great Lord, who prepared him for the ſame, was graciouſly pleaſed to fix as a Nail in a ſure place; and may it ſo continue in the Remembrance of thoſe then preſent, who are left for a ſmall Space yet in Mutability.

He continued very weak in Body all his Stay in *Woodbridge*, being about five Days, and no Perſwaſions could prevail with him to hinder his ſetting forward for his Journey, having ſtrong Deſires in his Mind to ſee Friends in this Place again; and to a particular Friend he expreſſed his Love ſo great to us, *that he thought he could willingly die with us.* He was favoured to accompliſh it in two Days after he left

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Woodbridge, though with great Difficulty, and lodged at the Houſe of our Friend *John Oxley*, as he had done before, but took to his Bed ſoon after he got in, to which, the remaining Part of his Time, he was moſtly confined.

It being the Time of our Yearly-meeting, many Friends went often to viſit him, and he expreſſed to ſome, *That he was ſatisfied he was in his Place, in giving up to follow the Requirings of the Lord, in leaving his outward Habitation, and thoſe near Bleſſings of a moſt tender affectionate Wife and dutiful Children.*

The Severity of his Ilneſs kept him moſtly *delirious*, yet he was favour'd with ſome clear Intervals; in one of which, being in a ſweet Heavenly Frame of Mind, he broke forth in the following fervent Supplication, viz. *Oh! this poor Soul hath been for many Days on the Brink of the Pit of Diſtreſs; but thou, dear Father, doſt not afflict thy Children willingly, but for ſome great and good Cauſe known only to thyſelf: Dear Father! ſuffer not thy Children ever to deſpair of thy Mercies, but that we may be helpful, as much as may be in our Power, to one another in all ſuch times of Trouble. Deareſt Father! thou haſt been pleaſed to open, and to favour with thy Goodneſs; my Soul is thankful, and can ſay, thou art worthy of Glory and Praiſe for evermore.*

He continued to the 13th of the Seventh Month 1756, and then departed this Life, and was interred in Friends Burying Ground

the 18th of the ſame, after an awful Meeting, (his Corps being attended by a very large Number of Friends and others) and no doubt he reſts, with the Spirits of the Juſt made perfect, in thoſe glorious Manſions prepared for all thoſe that hold out in Faithfulneſs to the End. His Memory is very precious and dear to many who are yet ſurviving, and we believe it may truly be ſaid, that few Friends who have travelled in this Nation, have been more approved, or had more general Service in ſo ſhort a Space of time.

A Teſtimony from Knareſborough *Monthly-meeting in* Yorkſhire, *concerning* DAVID HALL.

HE was born at *Skipton* in *Craven* the 22d of the Tenth Month 1683, of honeſt and religious Parents, from whom he had the Bleſſing of a religious Education, which he happily improved from his Youth.

In the Eleventh Year of his Age he was ſeized with the *Small-pox* of a malignant kind, from which he narrowly eſcaped with his Life, whereby his bodily Strength was much impaired, and his Nerves ſo affected, that he rarely afterwards could walk ſteadily; for which reaſon his Father, thinking him unlikely to bear much bodily Fatigue or Labour,

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about the Fifteenth Year of his Age put him to the Free-School at *Skipton* (there being at that time no School of Friends that taught the Languages in our Parts) wherein, by his Induſtry and Diligence, in a ſhort time he attained a competent Knowledge. He was a good Example to his School-fellows, adorning his Profeſſion by a grave and exemplary Converſation, and was in great Eſteem with his Maſter.

Having gone through the *Claſſics*, and left that School, his Father open'd one for Boarders in his own Houſe, which was managed with good Succeſs, many Friends, from different Parts of the Nation, ſending their Children to be inſtructed by him.

About the Year 1711 he came forth in a publick Teſtimony, wherein he was very zealous, yet according to Knowledge; and after ſome time he had a Concern to go into the Streets at *Skipton* and *Keighley*, on the Market-day, to warn People to Repentance and Amendment of Life. As he grew in the Miniſtry, he was concerned to viſit at ſeveral times moſt Parts of this Nation, as alſo *Scotland* and *Ireland*, as by a ſhort Journal, he left in Manuſcript, does amongſt divers other remarkable Paſſages of his Life particularly appear. He was very weighty, plain and pertinent in his Teſtimony, even to the meaneſt Capacities, not affecting to be thought learned, well knowing the Inſufficiency of human

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Literature and acquired Parts in a Goſpel Miniſtry. He had an excellent Knowledge and Underſtanding of the holy Scriptures, which he had a peculiar Talent in beautifully allegorizing upon, frequently in his Teſtimony, to the Information and Edification of the Conſiderate amongſt his Auditors. He had a great Concern for the Youth of our time, frequently adviſing them, *To make the Religion of their Education, the Religion of their Judgment; and not content themſelves with Formality, which is, in religious Matters, no more than a dark, dry and empty Lamp.* Thoſe, more advanced in Years, he called out of *Worldly-mindedneſs, Indolence, Lukewarmneſs* and *Indifference*; often reminding us of the Church of *Laodicea*, that *her Caſe was as vile in the Sight of God, as that of the Wicked and Prophane.*

He diligently attended Firſt-day and Week-day Meetings, at, or before, the Hour appointed, to the Concluſion of his Time; as alſo Monthly and Quarterly-meetings, till of late Years he was prevented by bodily Infirmities; during which Interval of time, he was concerned to write divers Epiſtles and Manuſcripts to the ſaid Meetings, and Friends in general; Part whereof are publiſhed, and Part remain in Manuſcript, wherein are contained many good and weighty Advices and Admonitions, ſuited to moſt States, Stations and Circumſtances of Life.

His Life and Converſation was innocent and inoffenſive, conducted with Wiſdom, Virtue and true Piety; he was a tender nurſing Father to the Young in the Miniſtry, a Strengthener of the Weak, a Comforter of the Feeble-minded, an Encourager of the Faithful in the ſmalleſt Gifts. He had it very much upon his Mind, the latter Part of his time, to adviſe Friends, *Not to be too much diſcouraged, tho' they might ſee the Places of ſuch as the Lord had raiſed up, and truly qualified for the Work of the Miniſtry, left empty, and but little Appearance in many Places of Succeſſion therein; for the eternal Root remained the ſame, though the Branches were taken away.*

He was given to Hoſpitality, a Lover of good Men, a kind Huſband, an affectionate Father, a good Neighbour, of a tender and charitable Diſpoſition towards the Poor. May we that are left behind ſo run, that we may alſo obtain the Prize, which undoubtedly he hath done, having run well to the End; which, after ſome previous Ilneſs, wherein he expreſſed *his Aſſurance of Peace with the Lord*, came pretty ſuddenly upon him the 16th of the Ninth Month 1756, in the Seventy third Year of his Age, having been a Miniſter about Forty five Years.

N. B. *His Journal and ſeveral of his Epiſtles are ſince publiſhed, and may be had of the* Printer *thereof.*

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from Mountmelick *Monthly-meeting in* Ireland, *concerning* MARY NEAL, *formerly* MARY PEISLEY.

SHE was, in her younger Years, a Lover of Gaiety and Vanity, till viſited by the Lord; ſhe thereupon gave herſelf up to ſerve him with full Purpoſe of Heart.

Being called into the Work of the Miniſtry, ſhe readily obeyed, yet with religious Fear, being particularly careful not to be too forward; ſo that her Offerings were like Fruit in its right Seaſon, to the Honour of the Lord, and the Conſolation of his Heritage. She was a diligent Labourer in Spirit for the Subjection of Self, and the Prevalence of divine Life; and as ſhe was very careful to riſe up in that Life, ſo was ſhe likewiſe to ſit down in it. Her reverent Solidity, and patient Waiting upon the Lord in Meetings, being very exemplary, and carrying with it a Reach and Awe to thoſe that beheld her.

She was, when out of Meetings, of an uniform Conduct, retired in Spirit, awful and weighty in her Deportment, her Words few and ſavoury, adminiſtering Grace to the Hearers; ſeeking much to have her Converſation in Heaven, and to draw the Minds of others thitherward. In Friends Families, often drawn

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forth in the pure Love of God, particularly to the Youth. In the Diſcipline of the Church, of great Service; ſo that, though but young as to the time of her Miniſtry and Services, ſhe ſtood in the Authority of Truth as an Elder, and as a Pillar in the Lord's Houſe, bearing the Weight of Oppoſition, and Aſſaults of oppoſite Spirits, without giving way, the Divine Power being her Shield, and the Munition of Rocks the Habitation of her Soul.

Under a lively Concern for the Welfare and Honour of every Part of the Society, ſhe was at times qualified to impart tender and ſuitable Counſel to her Brethren and Siſters engaged in the Miniſtry and Diſcipline, *That they might have a ſingle Eye to the Glory of God, to prefer his Service before their own, and to get their Day's Work well done in the Day time.* She freely gave up herſelf to ſpend and be ſpent, and to paſs through various Perils, of a very near and exerciſing kind, by Sea and by Land; often under great Weakneſs and Hardſhip of Body, as well as Pain of Mind: Twice ſhe viſited the Meetings of Friends through this Nation; once through *England*, and ſince that, through the *American* Continent; and, by Accounts received, we find her Services abroad correſpond with the Teſtimony here given of her.

Since her Return from her *American* Journey, ſhe, with ſome others, viſited the Families of Friends through this Monthly-meeting, as

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ſhe had done a while before her ſaid Journey. The Weight of that Service lay chiefly upon her, and we believe ſhe diſcharged herſelf faithfully therein ; it was finiſhed the 14th of the Third Month 1756, and on the 20th, after an Ilneſs of about fourteen Hours, ſhe was removed by Death, to the ſorrowful Surpriſe of many, in a Senſe both of our own Loſs, and that of the Church in general, by the ſudden Removal of this worthy Inſtrument in the Lord's Hand, who we believe was well prepared to live with Chriſt in his Kingdom, with whom her Life was hid whilſt here.

She was indeed a true Burthen-bearer, a valiant Warrior, that turned not her Back in the Day of Battle ; very nearly united, in the celeſtial Bond, to ſuch as loved Truth above all Things, and has left very few amongſt us, equal to her, in reſpect to a faithful and diligent Application to the great and primary End of our Exiſtence.

On the 24th of the ſaid Month, her Corps was taken into the Meeting-houſe in *Montrath*, where a ſolemn Meeting was held on the Occaſion, and ſeveral Teſtimonies born, many Friends from adjacent Meetings attending it ; after which, it was decently interred in Friends Burying Ground in the ſaid Town. She died Aged Thirty nine, a Miniſter about Twelve Years.

Some Account of her laſt Expreſſions.

" On the 17th of the Third Month (three " Days before ſhe departed this Life) in a " retired Opportunity, with ſeveral Friends, " ſhe was opened to ſpeak of the *Excellency of* " *the Sabbath of Reſt*; and, *that when Almighty* " *God had finiſhed his ſix Days Work in Cre-* " *ation, he appointed a Sabbath, and ſanctified* " *it*; *and ſhe believed there was there, who* " *would ceaſe from their Works, and enjoy a* " *Sabbath, in which they would have no Work to* " *do.* She was clear and ſweet in the Declara- " tion of it, and the uſual Seal of her Miniſtry " attended it.

" On the Day ſhe departed this Life, ſhe " lay quiet and ſtill, in a retired awful Frame, " and would ſometimes raiſe her Voice with a " melodious Sound, through the Efficacy and " Virtue of that glorious Grace, which ſo often " animated her to ſound forth Praiſes to the " King of Saints: And though ſhe did not " then expreſs herſelf in Words, yet there was " *a Language in the Sound*, that richly and " fully manifeſted, that ſhe triumphed over " her bodily Pain, and over Death, Hell and " the Grave; for ſhe longed to be diſſolved, " intreating her Lord *to give her a Releaſe, if* " *it was conſiſtent with his holy Will.*

" About Half an Hour before her Departure, " her Pain being taken away, ſhe ſaid, *I praiſe* " *thy Name, O my God! for this Favour.* After

" which,

" which, ſhe breathed ſhorter and ſhorter, and
" quietly departed without Sigh or Groan,
" like one falling into a ſweet Sleep; and is
" doubtleſs gone to enjoy that Sabbath of Reſt,
" ſhe ſo ardently longed for, diligently ſought
" after, and ſo feelingly ſpoke of in her laſt
" Teſtimony; having been a Pattern to the
" Believers in many pious Excellencies, in
" Word, in Converſation, in Charity, in Spirit,
" in Faith, in Purity."

A Teſtimony from Brighouſe *Monthly-meeting in* Yorkſhire, *concerning* REBECCA COWEL.

THIS our dear and ancient Friend, was deſcended of believing Parents in the Eaſt Riding of this County, and was one whom the Lord was pleaſed to viſit with the kind and merciful Offers of Life and Salvation in her Youth, which ſhe embraced, and became a choſen Veſſel for his Uſe, and had to tell to others, what he had done for her Soul, before ſhe was Twenty Years of Age. The Teſtimony ſhe had to bear, to the Sufficiency of the Name and Power of Jeſus, was plain, ſound and informing. Whilſt unmarried, ſhe viſited the Meetings of Friends through the greateſt Part of this Nation and *Scotland*.

In the Year 1708, ſhe married *John Cowell* of *Leeds*, a Friend of good Repute, and a true Help-mate

Help-mate in the beſt Things; in whoſe time, ſhe viſited moſt of the Meetings in *England*, and alſo thoſe of *Wales*; and ſince his Deceaſe, in like manner, this and the neighbouring Counties, and once again moſt of the Meetings in *Wales*; in all which Labours of Love, we have reaſon to believe ſhe was ſerviceable to many, as ſhe alſo was at home, where, in the very Decline of Life, ſhe ſhone more bright in her Gift than ever.

A few Months before her laſt Ilneſs, being appointed, with other Elders, to viſit Families, ſhe went through moſt of our Meetings with much Openneſs and Enlargement of Heart, to the great Satisfaction of Friends, which the more endeared her to her fellow Members in Chriſt, and when the Time of her Removal came, made their Loſs the more ſenſibly felt. She was zealous for preſerving good Order amongſt the Women, and was often engaged in their Meetings of Diſcipline to good Satisfaction.

Her Care for the Poor, eſpecially thoſe of her own Sex, was very conſiderable, to whom her Charity, as well as Advice, was often extended. She was frequent in attending of Meetings, even when old Age and Infirmities of Body ſeemed ſufficient to prevent her. In her laſt Sickneſs ſhe endured great bodily Afflictions, with very remarkable Patience and Reſignation to the Divine Will, and often dropped many comfortable and edifying Ex-

preſſions, to her Relations and Friends who frequently viſited her; as alſo at other times breaking forth in holy Praiſes and Thanſgiving to the Almighty, for his manifold and abundant Bleſſings; and, not long before her Exit, ſaid, *Though my Weakneſs of Body is great, and my Pains hard to be born, yet my Holy Helper is near; I am often refreſhed, I am often comforted, I have nothing too much, nor nothing too little, and all is well.* In this Heavenly Frame of Mind ſhe continued to the 5th of the Fifth Month 1756, when ſhe departed without a Sigh.

Aged near Seventy nine, a Miniſter near Sixty Years.

A Teſtimony from Devonſhire-houſe *Monthly-meeting, concerning* ABRAHAM FARRINGTON.

THIS worthy Miniſter and Elder having had Drawings in Spirit for ſeveral Years, as we are informed, to viſit the Churches of Chriſt in this Nation and *Ireland*, in the Service of the Goſpel: When he apprehended the Time approached, wherein he was to enter upon this weighty Engagement, he ſettled his outward Affairs; and having the Concurrence and Unity of the Brethren, embarked on board a Veſſel bound from *Philadelphia* to *Dublin*, in Company with three Friends from *Europe*, who

who had performed a religious Viſit to the Churches in *America*.

He landed at *Dublin*, after a ſafe and proſperous Voyage of about four Weeks. He viſited the Meetings of Friends in *Ireland*, and by the Accounts received from thence, had very weighty and acceptable Service there. After he had laboured faithfully in that Nation to ſtrengthen the Brethren, and aſſiſt in building up the waſte Places in *Sion*, he embarked for *England*; and having viſited the Churches in ſome of the Northern Counties, and attended the Yearly-meeting at *Penrith* (where his Labour of Love, in the Work of the Miniſtry, was to Edification and Comfort) he came up to this City to the Yearly-meeting, where his Service was truly acceptable.

After the Yearly-meeting was over, he attended the Yearly-meetings of *Colcheſter*, *Woodbridge*, *Norwich*, and the Quarterly-meeting at *York*, and viſited many Meetings in the Northern and Midland Counties; from whence, good Accounts have been received of the weighty and affecting Labours of this our dear deceaſed Friend.

He returned again to *London* the latter End of the Twelfth Month 1757, and having travelled with great Diligence, and laboured fervently, his Health was impaired; nevertheleſs, he attended Meetings till his Diſorder encreaſed ſo as to render him incapable of further Service.

As this our dear worthy and honourable Friend ſpent but little time in this City, we cannot from Knowledge and Experience give ſuch a Teſtimony concerning him, as might be thought requiſite; yet, as ſome of us partook of the Benefit of his religious Labours, we find ourſelves engaged to give forth this Teſtimony concerning him.

His Converſation was innocently chearful, yet grave and inſtructive; he was a Man of a weighty Spirit, a Valiant in *Iſrael*; a ſharp Reprover of libertine and looſe Profeſſors, but tender to the Contrite and Humble, and a Lover of good Order in the Church.

He was ſtrong in Judgment, ſound in Doctrine, deep in divine Things; often explaining, in a clear lively Manner, the hidden Myſteries wrapt up in the Sayings of Chriſt, the Prophets and Apoſtles; and it may truly be ſaid, he was well inſtructed in the Kingdom, bringing forth, out of his Treaſure, Things new and old.

His Miniſtry was in Plainneſs of Speech, and attended with divine Authority, reaching the Witneſs of God in Man, and to the Habitation of the Mourners in *Sion*; frequently pointing out, in a lively Manner, the Paths of the exerciſed Travellers, and the Steps of Heavenly Pilgrims; by which he was made helpful to ſuch as are ſeeking the true Reſt, which the Lord hath prepared for his People. It may truly be ſaid, he was eminently gifted

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for the Work of the preſent Day, remarkably qualified to expoſe the Myſtery of Iniquity, and to point out wherein true Godlineſs conſiſted.

His Diſtemper encreaſing, he was confined to his Bed, at the Houſe of our Friend *Thomas Jackſon*, in *Devonſhire-ſquare*, where all neceſſary Care was taken of him. During his Ilneſs, he was very ſweet and tender in his Spirit, and remarkably patient. He uttered many comfortable and Heavenly Expreſſions, and ſeveral times ſaid, *He apprehended his Time in this World would be but ſhort*; and ſeemed fully reſigned to quit Mortality, having an Evidence, *that he ſhould be cloathed upon with Immortality, and be united to the Heavenly Hoſt.*

He had frequently been heard to ſay, in time of Health, *That he thought he ſhould lay down his Body in this Nation, and not ſee his Friends in* America *more*; to which he appeared freely given up. He often expreſſed his Deſire, *that he might be favoured with an eaſy Paſſage*; which was graciouſly granted.

He departed this Life, the 26th of the Firſt Month 1758, like a Lamb, without either Sigh or Groan, as one falling into a ſweet Sleep, Aged about Sixty ſix Years; and on the 30th of the ſame, his Body was carried to *Devonſhire-houſe*, where a large and ſolemn Meeting was held, which was owned by him whoſe Preſence is the Life of our Meetings; and from thence his Body was carried, by Friends, to their

Burying Ground in *Bunhill-fields*, a large Concourſe accompanying it, and was there decently interred amongſt the Remains of many of our primitive Worthies, and valiant Soldiers in the Lamb's War, *who loved not their Lives unto Death, for the Word of God and Teſtimony of Jeſus.*

A Teſtimony from Tottenham *Monthly-meeting, in the County of* Middleſex, *concerning* DANIEL BELL.

OUR eminent and worthy Friend *Daniel Bell*, was the Son of *Jonathan* and *Rebecca Bell*, of *Cockermouth* in *Cumberland*, both deſcended of reputable Parents, and well eſteemed in the Society.

He was born the 12th Day of the Twelfth Month 1685; and being ſoberly and religiouſly inclined from his Youth, was often favoured with the tendering and refreſhing Influence of Divine Love; ſo that when very young, he was frequently drawn to ſolitary Places for Retirement and Prayer; *and*, as he has ſeveral times occaſionally mentioned, *renewed his Reſolutions to perſevere in Obedience to thoſe early Reaches of Divine Grace and Favour*; and was often fully perſuaded, that by continuing faithful therein, *he ſhould be conducted ſafely through the various Occurrencies that might attend him*

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in this Life; frequently remembering the Importance of that ſolemn Advice of Chriſt to his Followers, *Seek ye firſt the Kingdom of God and his Righteouſneſs, and all theſe Things ſhall be added unto you.* And as he continued faithful in Obedience, he found it effectually verified in himſelf.

Soon after his coming to *London*, which was in the Year 1703, he entered into an Apprenticeſhip; and his circumſpect and religious Deportment drew the Notice, and gained him the Affection, of ſolid Friends; and joining in an intimate Converſation with ſome of the moſt religious young Men, they had many precious Opportunities of Retirement together, to their mutual Edification, and Growth in the Grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; which hindered not, but promoted, their Succeſs in what they engaged in of temporal Concerns.

He came forth in the Miniſtry about the Year 1705; and his Service, in that Capacity, was well approved by Friends and others. About the Year 1708, he had a Concern to viſit his native Country; and having obtained Leave of his Maſter, and with the Concurrence of the Monthly-meeting he belonged to, he ſet out from *London* the 25th of the Second Month 1708, accompanied with ſome Friends from thence to *Uxbridge*, where there was a Burial, which occaſioned a large Number of People, who were attentive to the Teſtimony born, and the Lord's Power was in Dominion,

to the tendering of many Souls. And one of the Friends accompanied him into *Cumberland*, viſiting Meetings in the ſeveral Counties they paſſed through, where they had many tendering and comfortable Seaſons. And being come to his Father's Habitation: — *Pleaſe to take his own Account of the Reception he met with there*, viz.

"My dear Parents, ſaid he, received me "with much Gladneſs; and that Evening "many Friends came to ſee me, and our "Hearts were cemented together in the En-"joyment of Divine Love, which was largely "ſhed abroad amongſt us. Bleſſed be the "God of Truth for ever, who remembers his "breathing Seed. On the Third-day Morn-"ing I went to *Pardſey-crag* Meeting, and "called to ſee our dear Friends *James Dick-"inſon* and Wife, who went to Meeting, and "a glorious Time we had, to the Joy and "Satisfaction of many. And tarrying ſome "Weeks in the County, I viſited the Meetings "in general, where we had many comfortable "Seaſons; and I accompanied ſeveral Friends, "appointed to viſit Families, and had good "Satisfaction in our Viſit; the Lord's owning "Power did attend us in a wonderful Manner; "he was pleaſed to open the States of Friends "Families very particularly, to the Edification "of his People, in the Places where we "came."

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At the Quarterly-meeting for *Cumberland*, he met our Friend *John Bell*, and from thence they continued together till they returned to *London*, viſiting Friends Meetings in the Counties through which they paſſed, where they had many ſatisfactory Times. In that Journey he had good Service, for the Comfort and Edification of the Faithful, and his Teſtimony had a great Reach on many of the Youth.

In 1710, he viſited the Meetings twice in *Kent*, *Suſſex*, *Hampſhire* and *Surry*. In 1711, he entered upon a Viſit to Friends Meetings in moſt Parts of *England*, *Scotland* and *Ireland*, where ſeveral were convinced by his Miniſtry; and he returned to *London* the 6th of the Fourth Month 1713: Soon after which, he travelled in the adjacent Counties, and alſo in the Weſtern, viſiting Meetings.

In the Year 1713, he took a Journey in the Weſtern and Northern Counties. In 1715 and 1718, he travelled in the South and Weſt Parts: In 1744, in the North and Eaſt. In 1745, 1746, and 1747, he travelled in the North and Weſt Parts. In 1748, he made a general Viſit to the Northern and Midland Counties; and to the ſame in 1750: And his laſt and concluding Viſit to theſe Parts, was in the Year 1755. Since which time, he frequently travelled into the adjacent Counties, in the Service of the Goſpel.

He was ſound and edifying in his Teſtimony, often drawn forth in Points of Doctrine

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with great Clearneſs, which tended to the Opening the Underſtanding into the Doctrine of the *Chriſtian* Faith and Practice. He was very affectionate for the Youth, and often engaged, in his publick Miniſtry, for their Good; his Counſel to them was weighty and of great Importance, delivered in ſo tender and affectionate Manner, as made him truly aimable in their View: In ſhort, we believe him to have been a ſanctified Veſſel for the Lord's Uſe. And being often times favoured with the qualifying Influences of the Divine Spirit, his Doctrine dropt as the Dew, to the great Refreſhment of the Heritage of God; and there are many living Witneſſes, that can ſet Seal to his Miniſtry and Labours of endeared Love amongſt us.

He was conſtant in attending Meetings, both for Worſhip and Diſcipline. His Converſation was exemplary, ſincere, and courteous; not tenacious, but condeſcending. He was diligent and induſtrious in Buſineſs, when at liberty from religious Duties, and the Service of the Church. He was a loving Huſband, a tender and affectionate Parent, a kind and gentle Maſter, well beloved by his Relations and Friends, and eſteemed by his Neighbours.

The laſt Time he was at Meeting, he was remarkably favoured with Power from on high; which was ſo demonſtrated by the Fulneſs and Clearneſs of his Teſtimony, as to be

be taken particular Notice of by divers Friends that were preſent.

In his laſt Ilneſs he was attended with the Over-ſhadowings of Divine Goodneſs; and though the Proſpect of loſing ſo dear a Relation, and ſo worthy a Friend, could not but be Matter of Sorrow and Affliction; yet, in the Midſt thereof, the ſweet Frame of Mind in which he was, when confined to his Chamber and his Bed, has cauſed great Joy and Comfort to all about him, his Soul being filled with Prayer and Praiſes to the God of his Salvation, in whom he had believed; and he who had been his Morning Light, he found to be his Evening Song: Breaking out often in Heavenly Expreſſions, ſaying, *Grace, Mercy and Peace, abounded to his great Conſolation*; and that *he had done his Day's Work.* On a Friend coming to pay him a Viſit, a few Days before he died, he ſaid to him, *The Lord has been my Stay and my Staff, and has helped me along, and I find him to be ſo now.*

He departed this Life the 24th Day of the Second Month 1758, at his Houſe at *Tottenham* in *Middleſex*, and was honourably buried, the 2d of the Third Month following, in Friends Burial Ground at *Winchmore-hill*, the Meeting being attended by many Friends from *London* and the adjacent Counties, and ſeveral weighty Teſtimonies born, to the Comfort and Edification of thoſe preſent; and we have not the leaſt Doubt, but this our worthy Friend is

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gone to that State of everlaſting Reſt and Peace, where the Wicked ceaſe from troubling, and the Weary are at Reſt.

Aged Seventy two, a Miniſter Fifty three Years.

A Teſtimony from Ratcliff *Monthly-meeting, concerning* JOSEPH OLLIVE.

AS the Memory of the Juſt is bleſſed, we have Cauſe to believe a Bleſſing will reſt upon thoſe, who retain ſuch a living and thankful Remembrance of them and their paſt Services, as faithfully to follow their Example: And as we have been large Partakers of the religious Labours of this our dear and honourable Friend, we eſteem it our Duty to give forth the following Teſtimony concerning him.

He was the Son of *Benjamin* and *Elizabeth Ollive* of *London*, and was born at *Walthamſtow*, in the County of *Eſſex*, the 19th of the Ninth Month 1692. He was early favoured with a merciful Viſitation of Divine Kindneſs, to which he gave up when young and tender in Years; and as he grew up, by keeping cloſe thereto, he became largely acquainted with the Operations of the Spirit of Truth upon his Soul, and, being preſerved in Faithfulneſs, was made a ſolid and uſeful Member of the Society.

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About the Thirty fifth Year of his Age a Diſpenſation of the Goſpel was committed to him to preach. His firſt publick Appearances were in the Life and Wiſdom of Truth, which nearly united him to the Brethren; and as he grew in his Gift he was not forward, but cautious, preferring his Brethren, and more eſpecially thoſe that were Strangers; and it may be truly ſaid, his Labours were very acceptable, being greatly to the Comfort and Edification of the Church.

And though, by reaſon of bodily Infirmities, Travelling was more difficult to him than moſt of his Brethren in the Miniſtry, yet he frequently viſited the Meetings of Friends in divers Parts of this Nation, during a Courſe of many Years; and his Services therein were well received by the Faithful.

He manifeſted an affectionate Regard for his Relations, exerciſing the tender Care both of a Friend and a Father over them; was a juſt and kind Maſter, and much beloved by his Servants; generous and exemplary in his Neighbourhood, affording conſtant Relief to ſome, and occaſional Aſſiſtance to many others of the Poor: He often diſpenſed of his Liberality in private, being far from Oſtentation in what he beſtowed. His *Chriſtian* Compaſſion and Benevolence led him to aſſiſt ſuch, as either publickly or privately applied to him, by judicious Advice and Information, and

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ſometimes by ſuitable Application, when it appeared neceſſary.

His natural Capacity was extenſive, being improved by a good Education, but more ſo by the Influence of that Inſpiration of the Almighty, which gives a right Underſtanding. He was largely concerned in the Management of Affairs relating to the Society. The Aſſiduity of his Attendance, and the induſtrious Exertion of his Abilities in the Cauſe of Truth, and for the Help of the Brethren, rendered him a very uſeful Member of this Monthly-meeting, of the Meeting for Sufferings, the Morning-meeting, and the ſeveral other Meetings eſtabliſhed by Divine Wiſdom, for particular as well as general Service; wherein he appeared to be extenſive in Knowledge, deep in Experience, diſtinguiſhing in Judgment, and audible in Expreſſion.

He was a kind Entertainer of Friends in general, and a great Encourager of Women Friends, to come up in their proper Services in the Diſcipline of the Church.

Towards the Concluſion of his Time, we were deprived of his Company at our Evening-meeting at *Bromley*, bodily Weakneſs rendering him unable to endure the Evening Air; yet he very frequently attended our Week-day Meeting at *Ratcliff*, where ſuch as were rightly engaged to wreſtle for a Bleſſing, had the Help of his Spirit, in an holy Labour and Exerciſe, to dig through all Obſtructions, that they might

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get to the Spring of divine Refreſhment, whereby he was often enabled to bear a living Teſtimony for God and his Truth; which tended much to the Comfort of ſuch as were honeſtly concerned, and to the ſtirring up the pure Mind in all.

He very nearly ſympathized with the Afflicted in Spirit, and was often made inſtrumental for their Relief; he had a great Regard for the Honeſt-hearted, though ever ſo weak and feeble in the Church; and was frequently concerned to interceed for them, when favoured in the Houſe of Prayer, that they might be ſtrengthened, and come forward to do their Day's Work in the Day time.

He gave ſeveral tranſient Intimations of late, to ſome of his Relations and Friends, ſignifying *an Expectation that his Time here would be but ſhort*; the laſt of which he dropped with a remarkable Serenity and Chearfulneſs of Spirit.

It pleaſed Divine Providence to take him from the Dangers and Troubles of this probationary World, without paſſing through the Pains of a tedious and afflicting Sickneſs. He departed this Life the 25th of the Fourth Month 1758, by the ſudden Seizure of an *Apoplexy*. A freſh Inſtance of the great Neceſſity of ſeeking a timely Preparation; the Conſideration whereof we hope may be a Means to excite us to Diligence and Watchfulneſs, that Fearfulneſs may not ſurprize us,

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when that awful and awakening Time may come, that we ſhall be ſummoned from Works to Rewards.

We have Cauſe to believe it has been the ſteady Concern of this our dear deceaſed Friend, for a long Series of Years, to diſcharge himſelf, and ſo to watch, that he might be ready to meet the Lord at his Coming. And we doubt not but his Removal is to him a happy Tranſlation into the Manſions of eternal Reſt and Glory; yet we cannot but be ſenſibly affected with the Loſs of ſo ſerviceable and valuable a Member in the Church.

His Body was decently interred in Friends Burial Ground at *Ratcliff* on Firſt-day, the 30th of the Fourth Month aforeſaid, after a very large and ſolemn Meeting, which was favoured with a good Degree of the Divine Preſence, and attended by a great Number of Friends and others from the ſeveral Parts of this City.

He died in the Sixty ſixth Year of his Age, a Miniſter about thirty Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from Reading *Monthly-meeting in* Berkſhire, *concerning* MICHAEL TURPIN.

OUR dear and worthy Friend, *Michael Turpin*, was born at *Hemel-Hempſtead*, in the County of *Hertford*, the 3d of the Sixth Month 1668; and after living at *Albans* in the ſaid County about Sixteen Years, removed to this Town about the Year 1726, where he reſided about Thirty one Years; in which Time he was of good Service to this Meeting, being well qualified for the Work of the Miniſtry, to which he was called about the Twenty third Year of his Age: And by ſtrictly adhering to the divine Gift beſtowed on him, grew in the Life of Religion, and had a lively and powerful Teſtimony frequently to bear in old Age, increaſing in his Gift as he grew in Years: And though not a Man of much Literature, yet, when under divine Influence, he diſcovered a good Underſtanding, being well inſtructed in the School of Chriſt. He was zealous in Teſtimony againſt *Pride*, *Covetouſneſs*, *all Libertiniſm*, *and whatever is not ſubject to Truth*; alſo, that our *Chriſtian* Diſcipline might be maintained upon its ancient Foundation. He was a true Mourner in *Sion*, one who ſighed for the Abominations of the Times, and truly ſympathized with others in

the like Condition, to whom he often had a Word of Encouragement, which he ſuitably adminiſtered greatly to their Comfort: But to the lukewarm, indifferent, formal Profeſſors, his Teſtimony was cloſe and piercing; and by keeping his Place in the Authority of Truth, he was a Check upon ſome forward and unqualified Spirits, which ſometimes appeared amongſt us.

He was often (eſpecially toward the Concluſion of his Time) extraordinarily drawn forth, in fervent Supplication to the Almighty, for the young and riſing Generation, and that thoſe who were in undue Liberties might be reclaimed, and thoſe who were at Eaſe in a Profeſſion and outward Conformity, without a real Poſſeſſion of the bleſſed Truth, might be, by a freſh Viſitation, awakened and ſtirred up to a Senſe of their States and Duty.

His Life and Converſation was exemplary and edifying; his Deportment and Countenance ſolid, weighty and awful; he loved and ſought Retirement, ſlept little, was temperate and induſtrious, conſcientiouſly concerned that he might not bring any Reproach on his holy Profeſſion by Inſolvency; and therefore, and for the Benefit of his bodily Health, he occupied a conſiderable Part of his Time in ſuch Buſineſs as he was capable of, though the Profits ariſing therefrom were very ſmall.

In his laſt Ilneſs, which continued about three Weeks, he was enabled to bear the

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Extremity of his Pain with remarkable Patience and Stilneſs; and, in the Depth of Humility, begged of the Lord, *That he would be pleaſed to releaſe him from his Affliction*; who in Mercy granted his Requeſt; and he is, we doubt not, ſafely arrived through a Sea of Troubles to the Port of endleſs Joy, and is an Inhabitant of that glorious City (of which he had a Viſion a little before his Deceaſe) where there is no Need of the Light of the Sun, neither of the Moon, for the Glory of God doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the Light thereof.

He quietly departed this Life, in great Stilneſs, the 11th of the Ninth Month 1757, and was buried the 15th following, in the Burying Ground belonging to Friends at *Reading*, in a very plain but decent Manner, according to his particular Deſire, in the Eightieth Year of his Age: A Miniſter about Fifty ſeven Years.

A Teſtimony from Wigton *Monthly-meeting in* Cumberland, *concerning* HANNAH WILSON.

HANNAH WILSON was born the 7th of the Fourth Month 1681. She was Daughter of *Joſeph* and *Mary Steel* of *Moresgate*, who gave her a ſtrict and religious Education; for which, ſhe often expreſſed great Gratitude to Providence and her virtuous Parents, with ſtrong Deſires that ſhe might tread

in the ſame Steps, and follow their godly Example.

In 1715 ſhe married *Richard Wilſon* of *Cockermouth*, and in 1736 was called to the Work of the Miniſtry, in which ſhe was faithful according to the Gift received. In the time of Health, frequent in Heavenly Meditation by her Fire-ſide, exhorting thoſe about her, and in the Family, *To remember their Latter-end, and ſeek a City that hath Foundations; that when the Bridegroom came, their Lamps might be trimmed, and ready to enter with him.* And frequently ſaid, *It has been my early Deſire from my Infancy, that I may live the Life of the Righteous, that my laſt End may be happy with them that die in the Lord; and, Oh may this be all our Portion at laſt!* with much more to the like Effect at different times.

During her laſt Ilneſs, which continued about two Weeks, ſhe was very reſigned, whether Life or Death; and ſaid, *Thy Will be done, O God! I am ready if thou pleaſe now, for I have no Guilt upon me; I prayed for Patience to bear my preſent Affliction, and thou haſt given it me; nay, more than I have aſked for: Bleſſed by thy holy Name. My Cup overflows with thy Goodneſs, now, in this Time of Need and great bodily Weakneſs; for which, my Soul, and all that is within me, reverently bows and worſhips afreſh.*

At another time she said, *This Death is an awful Solemnity to all that are capable of thinking; and yet, Thanks be to God, I have not the least Fear of it; for the holy Lord that hath been with me at times, all my Life long, will be at my right Hand through the Passage of Death, and conduct me to the Regions of Light.*

At another time, after a solemn Silence, she said, *Gracious and holy Lord, remember our Off-spring, the Youth of this present Generation; Oh! visit them afresh and afresh, till it be effectual; and grant that the Sufferings of many of their worthy Ancestors, in Goals and Dungeons for the Testimony of thy Name, and which many sealed with their Blood, may sink in their Minds; that it may be a Spur on them to Faithfulness, that they may not trample on their Ashes by a contrary Conduct: Oh! let a double Portion of their Spirit rest on them; that from our Seed, Judges as at the first, and Counsellors as at the Beginning, may be raised up among them: And, O holy Lord! bless the Youth of this Meeting, and all Ages and Degrees in it; Oh! do thou, when ever they meet, be in the Midst of them, and surround them with thy living Presence: Be with such as are not able to attend the Assemblies of thy People; let thy Light shine round about such in their solitary Chambers, for their Comfort and Support; and graciously be near all under Affliction, whether of Body or Mind, and help them that are seeking after thee; be thou Strength in all times of their Weakness, that*

they may have to teſtify of thy Goodneſs in the Land of the Living. And, Oh! grant, where Hardneſs of Heart has entered, that it may be done away; and give ſuch Hearts of Fleſh, that nothing but Love may rule in the Church, or in our Families: Thou art ſufficient for all theſe Things; take us, we beſeech thee, into thy holy Protection, that we may be ſafe under the Shadow of thy Wing, where we may magnify thy Name, for thou art worthy of Worſhip and Praiſe for ever; with more of the ſame Import.

After which, deſiring ſome preſent to mind the Manifeſtations of the Spirit of God in their own Minds, and be obedient thereto, which would give them Happineſs in Life, and Peace in Death, ſhe remained quiet; and departed on the 26th of the Eleventh Month 1758, and was buried in Friends Burying Ground at *Wigton*.

Aged Seventy ſeven, a Miniſter Twenty two Years.

A Teſtimony

A Teſtimony from Marſdon *Monthly-meeting in* Lancaſhire, *concerning* CHARLES HARRISON.

OUR Friend, *Charles Harriſon*, from his Youth had ſtrong Deſires in his Mind after the true Knowledge of God, and our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; and, frequenting the Meetings of particular *Baptiſts*, was much toſſed with divers Winds of Doctrine, and ſtrong Temptations of the Enemy of his Soul. Whilſt in this State, he went to a Meeting of the People called *Quakers*, where our honourable Friend, *John Fothergill*, exhorted *to an inward Waiting upon the Lord, in Faith, to receive Power over every evil Thought.* This Doctrine made ſo deep an Impreſſion upon his Mind, *that* (as we, ſome of us, have often heard him ſay, with Tears of Joy) *he was as if he heard the Sound of his Voice for many Days.* Hence forward he attended our religious Meetings, and in a little time it pleaſed the Lord to deliver him from thoſe ſtrong Temptations and Fears, and to raiſe him up to preach the Goſpel. His Miniſtry was acceptable and edifying, his Life and Converſation being very eminently correſpondent with the Doctrine he preached.

During his laſt Ilneſs, he was much viſited by Friends, and many religious People of other Denominations; to whom, tho' under

great Weakneſs of Body, he was often engaged to declare the Goodneſs of the Lord, in a very powerful and affecting Manner.

He departed this Life, in perfect Peace, the 14th Day of the Ninth Month 1758, and was buried in Friends Burying Ground at *Sawley* the 16th of the ſame, in the Eighty ninth Year of his Age, having been a Miniſter Fifty Years.

A Teſtimony from Kendal *Monthly-meeting in* Weſtmorland, *concerning* WILLIAM HARTLEY.

OUR beloved Friend, *William Hartley*, was born near *Broughton* in the County of *Lancaſhire*, of reputable Parents, and had his Education in the Principles of the Church of *England*. In his youthful Days he was of a very gay and ſprightly Diſpoſition, altho' he had frequent Intervals of ſerious Reflections, wherein he clearly beheld the airy State and Condition he was then in; yet, as he was obedient to the Convictions of Divine Grace, the momentary Pleaſures of this frail Life were ſullied in his Eye; and becoming more and more religiouſly inclined, a Diſſatisfaction with the Forms of Worſhip he was brought up in, increaſed ſo, that about the Twenty firſt Year of his Age he was convinced of the Principles of Truth as held forth by us, and joined the

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Society; in which he continued an unſhaken Example of true Piety, through the various Afflictions and Viciſſitudes of Life; having been a diligent Aſſiſtant in tranſacting the weighty Affairs of the Church, and particularly ſerviceable in that of viſiting Friends Families, wherein he was excellently qualified.

In about the Sixty ſecond Year of his Age, his Mouth was opened in a publick Teſtimony to the bleſſed Truth, and his Miniſtry being accompanied with a divine Authority, (though he was moſtly ſhort) his Labour of Love generally tended to the Comfort and Edification of the Hearers.

And when the Time of his Diſſolution drew near, he ſeemed to have an undoubted Evidence of an happy Futurity, frequently breaking forth in much tender Advice, Counſel and Encouragement to his Family, and Friends who came to viſit him, in no leſs lively and affecting a Manner than in the time of Health. Thus was he owned in his laſt Moments by the Divine Preſence, wherein his Soul greatly delighted, which conſiderably alleviated his bodily Pain, and was an inexpreſſible Conſolation to his dear Wife and Children, to whom he had fully diſcharged himſelf; having been a loving Huſband, an affectionate and exemplary Parent, and, in his Neighbourhood, a moſt faithful Friend and Adviſer. A conſtant Attender of Meetings ſo long as Ability of Body would permit.

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What ſhall we ſay more concerning this our deceaſed Friend, than that *Bleſſed are the Dead that die in the Lord? yea*, ſaith the Spirit, *from henceforth they reſt from their Labours, and their Works follow them.*

He died the 3d of the Second Month 1759, in the Sixty eighth Year of his Age, and was buried the 6th of the ſame, in our Burying Ground at *Crook*, in the County of *Weſtmorland.*

A Teſtimony from the Six-Weeks Mens-Meeting at Waterford *in* Ireland, *concerning* ELIZABETH BALFOUR.

IT has pleaſed Infinite Wiſdom to remove from us, by Death, our dear and well beloved Friend *Elizabeth Balfour*, whoſe Services, during the few Years ſhe reſided amongſt us, were very acceptable: We therefore are concerned to give, in a brief Manner, a Teſtimony of her.

She was of a pleaſant and chearful Diſpoſition in Converſation, yet attended with Gravity and Meekneſs, which rendered her Company agreeable and inſtructive: In her Deportment ſolid, in her Miniſtry plain, living and powerful; not forward in appearing, but watchful and attentive to obſerve ſtrictly the Motion of Life; ſo that when concerned, it

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was both ſeaſonable and ſuitable; and notwithſtanding ſhe was ſometimes ſharp in Reproof, to ſuch as brought Reproach on our holy Profeſſion, yet ſhe was tender in Sympathy with *Sion*'s Mourners, to whom ſhe had often a Word of Comfort and Encouragement to adminiſter. She was alſo gifted in Diſcipline, having good Service in Meetings for it here and elſewhere, being zealous for preſerving good Order, and that *Chriſtian* Plainneſs and Moderation ſhould be obſerved in all Reſpects.

She was likewiſe ſerviceable in Family Viſits; a Work ſhe much approved of, but went upon with Awfulneſs and Fear, being ſenſible of the Weight and Exerciſe which attends the rightly concerned therein, and that nothing ſhort of *Divine Wiſdom* can enable or qualify for the faithful Performance; which therefore ſhe not only waited for, but was often favoured with.

More may be ſaid concerning the Services of this our dear deceaſed Friend, if we were to particularize; but we chuſe Brevity, as well as being cautious of expreſſing any thing which may be thought like Encomiums on her, having nothing in View but to attribute the Praiſe of all to the Almighty, Great and Gracious Being, whoſe Works they are, and which alone do praiſe him; and likewiſe to animate and encourage preſent and future Generations to follow her pious Example, that

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ſo they may (as we believe ſhe has done) when they finiſh their Courſe, by fighting a good Fight, and keeping the Faith, receive the Crown of Righteouſneſs, which is laid up for all them that love the Appearing of our Lord; to whom, through, in, and over all, be the Thankſgiving and Praiſe, Dominion and Renown aſcribed for ever.

She departed this Life the 1ſt Day of the Eighth Month 1758, in the Forty ſecond Year of her Age; a Miniſter about Twenty Years; and was interred in Friends Burying Ground at *Waterford*, after a ſolid Meeting of Friends and others, wherein the Power of that Truth, in which ſhe lived and died, was evidently manifeſted.

Some further Account of ELIZABETH BALFOUR, *with her dying Expreſſions.*

ELIZABETH, the Wife of *Archibald Balfour* of *Waterford*, and Daughter to *James* and *Sarah Tomey* of *Limerick*, was by the Fear of the Lord, (which is the Beginning of Wiſdom) co-operating with the great Advantage of a religious Education, preſerved in her early Years from the Follies incident to Youth; being dutiful to her Parents, to whom ſhe was often a Joy and Comfort in the Lord; and a good Pattern, both by Advice and Example, to her younger Brothers and Siſters.

It pleaſed the Lord to call her to the Work of the Miniſtry about the Twenty ſecond Year of her Age, altho' much in a Croſs to the natural Part; but finding that nothing but Obedience would be acceptable to the Almighty, ſhe gave up to his Call, and diſcharged herſelf according to the Ability received, to the Satisfaction and Comfort of ſenſible Friends, where her Lot was caſt. She viſited this Nation generally, and ſome Parts thereof ſeveral Times; alſo the South Weſt Parts of *England*, in the Year 1742, in Company with *Elizabeth Fennell* (then *Peaſe.*) As to her farther Service, the Reader is referred to the Teſtimony of Friends of *Waterford* concerning her: And in the Station of a Wife, was tender and ſympathizing beyond what can be expreſſed in Words, or ever underſtood, except by ſuch as have been favoured with ſuch a Bleſſing.

She was ſeized with her laſt Ilneſs on the 10th of the Seventh Month 1758, and on the 13th apprehending ſhe was near her End, in great Agony of Spirit ſaid, *My Pain and Weakneſs is ſo great, that I think I can't hold long; I am ſo diſtreſſed and poor in Mind, that I fear I am not prepared for it.* Upon which ſhe wept bitterly; yet ſaid, *She could not accuſe herſelf of acting amiſs, that occaſioned the Lord to withdraw from her, unleſs the laſt Time ſhe had any Thing given her to ſay in Meeting, ſhe pleaded Excuſe ſo long, that the Meeting broke up; and it then ran through her Mind,* There

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is that ſcattereth and yet encreaſeth; and there is that with-holdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to Poverty; adding, *and I have found it ſo.*

A Friend, whom ſhe dearly loved, coming to ſee her, and finding her thus, ſpoke very encouragingly to her, ſaying, *He had Faith to believe, the Almighty would not take her hence, before he gave her a full Aſſurance of eternal Happineſs*; upon which ſhe ſeemed eaſier in her Mind, but in great Fear and Poverty till the 22d; from which time, till her Departure, many comfortable Expreſſions were dropped by her, the Subſtance of ſome of which is as follows.

Being that Morning very weak, ſhe looked as if going off in a very ſtill Manner; and being aſked to take ſomething, ſhe deſired *not to be diſturbed*; and ſoon after ſaid, *I thought I was going quietly and ſweetly, for all is now well; I now can ſay,* Not my Will, but thine, O Lord, be done; *now Death ſeems near, and I am willing, having got an Evidence of eternal Peace.*

After ſome time of great Weakneſs, ſhe ſaid thus; *It is a fine Thing to be preſerved alive in the Truth; it is more than all beſides, and what I have often deſired for; my Heart is filled with divine Love, but am not able to expreſs what I feel.* She deſired *her Love to be remembered to ſeveral Friends in particular*; adding, *and to all the Friends of Truth; to whom my Mind has*

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often been nearly united in ſincere Love: Tell them, that there is a Manſion of eternal Reſt prepared for me, where I hope we ſhall meet again, never more to part. Remember my dear Love to all my dear Friends in this City; they have been kind, yea, affectionately kind to me ſince I came amongſt them; alſo to Friends of Cork *and* Dublin, *and every where, where my Lot has been caſt. O Lord! preſerve thy People here, who have been highly favoured, and alſo thoſe in the Place of my Nativity; Oh the Sheep's Clothing! but not the Life; may the Lord open every ſenſible Eye to ſee it: I have often deſired to be favoured with a feeling Senſe of this State; the Lord grant it me unto my End, and unto all the Sincere-hearted. Lord! open the blind Eyes, and cauſe them that are gone aſtray, to return before it be too late.*

To ſome Friends, who were by her, ſhe ſaid, *I could not expreſs theſe Things of myſelf in my preſent Condition; nay, I durſt not:* (having ſignified a Care that reſted on her Mind in this Reſpect, ſince the time her Mouth was firſt opened in a publick Teſtimony) *I thought I ſhould have nothing to ſay; but feeling the Renewings of Divine Life amongſt us, (for which my Soul praiſes the Lord) I am made willing to drop what opens, while I have Strength given. My dear Love is to my beloved Siſter in the Truth,* Suſannah Hatton; (who was then abroad on Truth's Service) *ſhe will be ſorry for my Removal, as we have loved one another dearly;*

dearly; but I am going to eternal Reſt and Peace, where, I truſt, we ſhall meet again, and be ſeparated no more.

She deſired a particular Friend, that viſited her, to lay her out, and ſee that every Thing was plain; ſaying, *I love Plainneſs in my Heart:* And cautioned a young Woman, who ſometimes did that Office for the Dead, to avoid putting ſo much needleſs plaiting upon the Sheet that covered her, as ſhe had ſeen her and others do; ſaying, *I have been often troubled at it, and I requeſt thou mind it for the future; for Plainneſs in every reſpect is moſt becoming us as a People; any Thing to the contrary being unanſwerable to our Profeſſion.* At another time ſhe expreſſed herſelf thus; *How little doth the World, and the Comforts I had in it, look now in my View; there is nothing in it worth our Notice, but to preſs after the better Part; nothing elſe now has any Beauty in my View: The Lord, if it be his Will, ſuffer me not to be long here; I hope the Work is pretty well, and nigh accompliſhed.*

Being in great Pain, ſhe ſaid, *This is hard Work; the Affliction of this Body is very great: And it is an awful Thing thus to look the Almighty in the Face; yet, through Mercy, I am freed from any Guilt that I know of. Oh! if it be ſo dreadful for thoſe that have led pretty innocent and circumſpect Lives; what will become of them that are loaded with the Guilt of Sin? If the Righteous ſcarcely be ſaved, where*

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ſhall the Wicked and Ungodly appear? A Woman of another Perſwaſion being preſent, ſhe added, *And there is no Mortal that can give any Help to remove the Guilt of Sin, at ſuch a Time as this; ſo let none deceive themſelves with ſuch Notions; for if they do, they will find it a Deceit.* She warned a young Woman, that came to ſee her, againſt Pride and High-mindedneſs; and ſet before her the great Danger many poor Souls were in, if they ſhould be ſummoned hence in their preſent unprepared State; ſaying, *How miſerable would my preſent Condition be, when attended with ſuch Affliction of Body, and ready to launch into Eternity, if that was my Caſe!*

One Morning, after a painful Night of great Weakneſs, both of Body and Mind, inſomuch that her Voice was ſcarce to be heard; after lying ſtill for ſome time, ſhe prayed very fervently, with an audible Voice and great Power, to the following Import:

"O Lord God Almighty! thou that dwelleſt "in the Heavens, and the Heaven of Heavens "cannot contain thee; yet haſt thou promiſed "to look down on him that is poor and con-"trited before thee, and that trembles at thy "Word: May it ſtand good with thy Hea-"venly Will, to fulfil it this Time to thy poor "diſtreſſed Handmaid, who thou knoweſt has "been often contrited, and trembled before "thee. Thou that haſt been with me in

" ſix Troubles, forſake me not in the ſeventh ;
" if thou doeſt, I am undone, for I have no
" Strength but what comes from thee : Thou
" that haſt been Strength in Weakneſs, and a
" preſent Help in every Time of Trouble, O
" be graciouſly pleaſed to look down upon me
" now in Mercy, in this Time of the greateſt
" Affliction I ever met with ; let thy Preſence
" be near, elſe I periſh for ever : Thou that
" haſt been with me all my Life long to this
" Day, and only knows my Condition and
" great Weakneſs of late, forſake me not now.
" — I feel a little of the Revivings of thy an-
" cient Goodneſs, for which my Soul praiſes
" thy great and holy Name. — O Lord ! be
" pleaſed to remember my dear Huſband, be
" thou his Comfort and Support ; alſo my dear
" Parents, Brother and Siſters, and all my near
" and dear Friends. Lord God Almighty !
" grant that their Eyes may be ſo kept unto
" thee, that thou mayſt be with them when this
" Time of deep Trial comes.—Thou haſt been
" near at this Time, beyond what I expected ;
" Strength in Weakneſs, Riches in Poverty
" indeed."

Soon after the above Prayer ſhe ſpoke thus ; *Now the Beloved of my Soul is come, but not empty-handed : Oh the Preciouſneſs of his Love ! his Time is the beſt Time ; thy Servant is now ready.* After which, ſhe lay very ſtill and quiet (tho' in great Pain of Body) inwardly breathing and

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praiſing the Lord, as was viſible to every ſenſible Beholder; often ſignifying, *That ſhe had nothing to do but to give up the Ghoſt, when the Lord's Time was come*; and being earneſtly deſirous to be endued with Patience to wait his Pleaſure therein, which ſhe expreſſed, *ſhe could not attain to without his Aid, more eſpecially when in ſuch grievous Pain of Body*; the Lord was pleaſed to grant her Requeſt, and endued her therewith to Admiration.

Some time after, ſhe ſpoke thus; *Lord! be with me in the pinching Time of ſeparating Soul from Body, and give me an eaſy Paſſage; Oh! grant for a Sign*, that I may ſtretch at Eaſe, *if it be but for a few Moments before I go hence; and give me, at that Time, a renewed Aſſurance of Peace with thee.* Which Petition was alſo graciouſly granted her; as, for ſeveral Hours before her Departure, ſhe complained of no Pain of Body; ſaying, *All is well: The Lord is my Righteouſneſs; I have Peace, Peace, ſweet Peace; quite eaſy both in Body and Mind, and humbly thankful for it: Oh the Joy that I feel! What ſignifies all the Trouble and Pain we can go through here, if we can attain to this State at laſt:* My Peace I give unto you *(ſaid our Lord.) I have thought of this Saying to Day, and I witneſs it.* In which contented Condition, accompanied with a remarkable Degree of Heavenly Innocence and Chearfulneſs of Spirit, ſhe continued unto the laſt; and leaning

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leaning her Head backwards, as if falling into a ſweet Slumber, in a few Minutes drew her laſt Breath; and we doubt not, is entered into that full Fruition of eternal Reſt and Peace, which ſhe had a ſweat Earneſt of, never to feel any more Pain.

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